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Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

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Hongkong, May 20, 1898. 368

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 151a

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, May 25, 1898. 846

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RESERVE FUND.....£ 10,000

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J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

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PAID UP CAPITAL, ... ,, 9,000,000
RESERVE FUND, ... ,, 6,660,000

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The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

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When correspondence has been missent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* ———, or *Received at* 7 *p.m.*, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c. may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

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Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Section	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination	Remarks.
Steamers								
Activ	6 c	Andersen	Norw. str.	867	Aug. 7	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Bangkok	August 13.
Ask	3 c	Hygom	Dan. str.	654	Aug. 8	A. R. Marty		
Astrid	3 c	Fr. Elligers	Norw. str.	975	Aug. 6	M. A. A. de Souza & Co.		
Australian	5 c	Helms	Brit. str.	3000	Aug. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Sydney & Melbourne	August 13.
Bracmar	3 c	Porter	Brit. str.	2361	Aug. 11	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Portland, Or.	August 15
Butuan	5 k	Maddriego	Span. str.	328	Feb. 15	B sadao & Co.		
Chiyoda Maru	3 c	Yokoyama	Japan. str.	1445	July 26	Order		
Chusan	3 c	Wendt	Ger. str.	609	July 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Coptic	5 c	Sealby	Brit. str.	2744	Aug. 4	O. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	August 13.
Doun	3 c	Hamilton	Brit. str.	958	Aug. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Doucalion	5 k	Branch	Brit. str	1374	Aug. 9	Butterfield & Swire	Sandakan	August 16.
Hailan	3 c	Bant	Fren. str.	377	Aug. 12	A. R. Marty		
Hainan	5 h	Hodgins	Brit. str.	636	Aug. 12	Douglas S'ameship Co.		
Hanoi	3 c	Menard	French str.	742	Aug. 11	A. R. Marty		
Hong Leong	3 c	Fripp	Brit. str.	1171	Aug. 12	Chinese		
Isidoro Pons		Roses	Span. str.	625	April 14	Order		
Kaong-wai	3 c	Unsworth	Brit. str.	1115	Aug. 1	Yuen Fat Hong		K'loon Dock
Kuirang	3 c	Bradley	Brit. str.	1466	Aug. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Kwangloo	3 c	Lincoln	Chi. str.	1605	Aug. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Kweiyang	3 c	Outerbridge	Brit. str.	1062	Aug. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Kwongsang	3 c	Stalker	Brit. str.	989	Aug. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lightning	3 k	Spence	Brit. str.	2124	Aug 7	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Ipoh & Calcutta	August 16.
Lyeemoon	3 c	Heuermann	Ger. str.	1238	Aug. 11	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	August 13.
Macduff	3 c	Thomson	Brit. str.	1841	Aug. 7	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Oslo	3 c	Pedersen	Norw. str.	778	Aug. 6	M. A. A. De Souza & Co.		
Petrarch	3 c	Schall	Ger. str.	2503	Aug. 9	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Pronto	2 c	Meyer	Ger. str.	720	Aug. 11	Chinese		
Propontis	3 c	Crawford	Brit. str.	1330	Aug. 3	Heung-Sing S. S. Co.		
Sinkat	3 c	Verrelmann	Japan. str.	264	July 6	Order		
Socotra	6 c	Hide	Brit. str.	3919	Aug. 12	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	August 11.
Taicheong	3 c	Arhens	Ger. str.	828	Aug. 7	Meyer & Co.	Swatow	August 18.
Taiwan Maru	3 c	Yoshiwara	Japan. str.	1483	Aug. 2	Order		
Tyr	3 c	Gram	Norw. str.	——	Aug. 6	Harling, B. & Munzell		
Wong-ion	3 c	Stonham	Brit. str.	1115	Aug. 9	Butterfield & Swire		
Sailing Vessels.								
Adolf Obrig	2 k	Armstrong	Amer. bqe	1302	July 30	Standard Oil Co		
Aincenis	2 k	Babbins	Brit. bqe.	——	July 31	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Celtic Bard	2 k	Jones	Brit sh.	1705	July 30	Order		
Craigerne	2 k	Pollack	Brit. sh.	1774	Aug. 7	Order.		
Crown of Germany	5 k	McIlgorm	Br. 4m. bk.	2154	July 9	Skott & Co.		
Duchesse Anne	5 k	Cervony	Fch. bqe	1114	June 23	Carlowitz & Co.		
Fooking Suey	2 k	Willett	Haw. bqe.	180	July 2	Siemssen & Co.		
Fort Stuart	5 k	Vanstone	Brit. sh.	2313	Aug. 7	Master		
Governor Robie	2 k	Colcord	Amer. sh	.....	Aug. 1	Standard Oil Co.		
Hawthorn Bank	2 h	Greig	Brit. bqe.	1288	May 21	Standard Oil Co.		
Kelat	2 k	Hughes	Brit. sh.	1873	June 23	Standard Oil Co.		
Kistna	5 k	Smith	Brit. sh.	1097	July 31	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Mary L. Cushing	2 k	Pendleton	Amer. sh	1575	June 7	Standard Oil Co.		
Muskuka	2 k	Crowe	Br. 4m. bk.	2569	June 21	Order		
Natuna	2 k	Peahl	Dan. sch.	470	Aug. 6	Order		
Penobscot	2 k	McCaulder	Amer. sh.	1007	June 28	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Prince Arthur	2 k	Olsen	Norw. bqe.	1598	July 3	Order		
Spinaway	3 k	Freemantle	Brit. sch.	325	Aug. 8	Siemssen & Co.		
State of Maine	2 k	Curtis	Amer. sh	1447	May 12	Standard Oil Co.		
St. James	2 k	Tapley	Amer. bqe.	1453	July 30	Standard Oil Co.		

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—AUGUST 12, 1898

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	213 % prem. = $301.25, buyers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
" ordinary "	10,000	£ 8	£ 4	nom.
" deferred "	1,250	£ 12	£ 1	£5.5
National Bank of China, Limited	...	£ 10	£ 8	£17
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 25	$ 50	$183, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 20	$63, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 10	£ 10	Tls. 18½, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 10	$ 2	$3, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$215, buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$130, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 2	$98, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 5	$33½, sellers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	257 % prem. = $440.25
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$30
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$58, sales
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld	30,000	$ 10	$ 1	$1.5½, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	30,000	$ 100	all	$58, buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	30,000	£ 10	£ 1	£9 10, buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 1	£5.5
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 100	$ 7½	$28, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$162
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$40, sales and buyers
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$58, sales and buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,800	$ 100	$ 37½	$41, ex div., sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$67
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 3	$37½, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$8½
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 4	$20, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$110, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$4½, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 4	all	$5½, buyers
" " Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.05, sales
Great Eastern and Caledonia Gold Mining Co. Ld.	18,000	$ 5	$ 5	$4.30
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	52,000	$ 50	$ 2½	$32.50
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld.	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$110, sellers
" " Preference shares	50,000	$ 1	all	nom. 3 bids.
	75,000	$ 1	all	
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$36½, ex div., buyers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$10
	B 45,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$3.25, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.	12,000	$ 50	all	$56
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	$ 1	all	$11½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$120
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 1t	$8½, ex div., buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 1t	$26, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 1	all	$3, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 2	$30
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	60	$ 5	all	$38
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7	$ —	$5½, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$108, sellers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 5	all	$16½, sales and buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,000,000	$ 10	$ 4	$20, sellers
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Chentsuen & Co., Ld.	3,000	$ 25	$ 25	$28
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Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1805	Commander J. W. Slade	Shanghai
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill	Nagasaki
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. N. Custance	Hongkong
Blenheim	armoured cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	20,000	Capt. Frederick W. Fisher	en route
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie	Chefoo
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Jellicoe	Yokohama
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Weihaiwei
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360		Hongkong
Grafton†	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Weihaiwei
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Yokohama
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Weihaiwei
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	en route
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Lieut. Plumer	Chefoo
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Manila
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Manila
Linnet	gunboat, 2nd class	756	2	670	Com. W. W. Smythe	Foochow
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. W. C. C. Forsyth	Yokohama
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	en route
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. P. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Manila
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Com. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Mirs Bay
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Manila
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Swatow
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	766	2	870		Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
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Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Nagasaki
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Weihaiwei
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Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Aspic	French gunboat	475	8	450	Commander Journe'	Saigon
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4600	Captain Joannet	Manila
Bruix	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Parfait	Manila
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	6800	Capt. Philibert	Sámsah
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Shanghai
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmat	Shanghai
Léon	French gunboat	—	—	—		Saigon
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Bréthal	Manila
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	Manila
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2930	Captain Becker	On a cruise
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Manila
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Plachte	Kiaochau
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Follenius	Shanghai
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander de Bois	Manila
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	6700	Captain Stubenrauch	Manila
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Manila
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Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Woosung
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalhose e Athaya	Macao
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Tarenego	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Shanghai
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Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikoff	
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1400	2	2000	Capt. Bouchanoff	Port Arthur
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Kreiser	Russian sloop	1542	2	1800	Captain Isivinsk	Shanghai
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Rurik	Russian flagship	10,933	93	13,250	Comdr. Rodionoff	
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Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Barenago	Port Arthur
Sivoutch	Russian cruiser	950	2	1120	Captain Astromoff	Nagasaki
Vladimir Monomach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	15	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtomsky	
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	950	11	3500	Capt. Rogulia	
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1530	6	1194	Commander Vanderaks	Port Arthur
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IN A THIRD-CLASS CARRIAGE.

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The girl asked how her companion was, remarking that she had heard she had been far from well.

'Deed, but I was,' responded the elder woman, 'I thocht I was at deith's door.'

'Ah say, what like was the matter wi' ye?'

'I cud dae nae work; if I tried to wash the floor I got siccin a heart beatin', and my stomach fair turned at the sicht o' food. I wont to three doctors, one after anither, and they gae me bottles and bottles, but it didna help me ava till a frien' telt me to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. Wuman, in a week I was better and fin I had ta'en it a month I was a' richt and could eat and work as well as ever.'

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'In August, 1892,' says the writer, 'I began to feel low, weak, and ailing. My appetite was bad, and what little I ate gave me much pain at the chest. I was constantly spitting up a clear fluid like water, and I heaved and strained a good deal. At the pit of my stomach there was a gnawing feeling, and there seemed to be a hard lump formed in my abdomen. In my case I suffered much from pain in that region.

'My breathing got to be very bad, and I wheezed as if the windpipe were clogged and stopped up. I had a hacking cough which gave me but little rest day or night, and I was troubled with night sweats. The pillow my head had lain on would be wet in the morning.

'In two or three weeks after the time I was taken, I was no longer able to take solid food, or indeed food of any kind. I lived for two months on milk, lime water, brandy, and the like. During that time I lay helpless in bed.

'Often I would have fainting fits, and had to be lifted up and supported in bed. I was now so weak that my friends feared there was no hope for me, and I was *anointed by the priest*. I had a doctor attending me, but he was not successful in giving me any real relief.

'In the following November, although very ill and low I was able at times to read a little, and then it was that I read one day about Mother Seigel's Syrup and the wonders it had done for others. I sent for it, and less than half a bottle made me feel better. I had a trifle more appetite and could eat a little and retain it. So I went on with the Syrup, and when I had used four bottles the cough and all the other troubles left me, and soon I was well and strong as before. You are at liberty to publish my letter if you desire, for the good of others who may suffer as I did without knowing where to look for a cure (Signed) Mrs Honoria Brennan, 12 Great Britain Street, Cork, March 17th, 1894.'

A good letter, a cheering letter, dated on St. Patrick's Day, too. A great thing to be rid of snakes, but a greater thing to be rid of indigestion and dyspepsia—more poisonous than any reptile that ever crawled. And that was the dreadful ailment which gave Mrs Brennan three months of suffering; the ailment that the Scotch women talked of in the train; the ailment that inflicts more pain and fills up more graves than all the other ailments on earth put together.

And yet Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup cures it as fast as people hear of it and take it. That's why we keep telling about it, and printing what everybody tells about it over and over.

A ROMANCE OF THE WHISPERING GALLERY.

A correspondent writes to the *British Weekly* from Germany:—A plain wreath of oak-leaves was sent, through the English Consul in Berlin, in the hope that it might find a place on Mr Gladstone's coffin. The sender was a Berlin shoemaker, who at one time owed his success in business to the 'Grand Old Man.' About twenty years ago this shoemaker came to London and established a small workshop, but in spite of industry and strict attention to business, he continued so poor that he had not even enough money to buy leather for work which had been ordered. One day he was in the Whispering Gallery in St. Paul's Cathedral with his betrothed bride, to whom he confided the sad condition of his affairs, and the impossibility of their marriage. The young girl gave him all her small savings with which he went next day to purchase the required leather—without, however, knowing that he was followed by a gentleman commissioned to make inquiries about him. The shoemaker was not a little surprised when the leather merchant told him that he was willing to open a small account with him. In this way did Fortune begin to smile upon him, and soon, to his great astonishment, he received orders from the wealthiest circle in London society, and his business became so well established that he was able to marry and have a comfortable home of his own. He was known in London for years as the 'Parliament Shoemaker,' but only when, to please his German wife, he left London for Berlin, did the leather merchant tell him that he owed his 'Credit-Account' to none other than Mr Gladstone. The Cabinet Minister had been in the Whispering Gallery when the poor shoemaker had been telling his betrothed of his poverty and owing to the peculiar acoustics of the Gallery, had heard every word that had been said.

A PLUCKY AFRIDI FOE.

NOW AN ORDERLY TO A BRITISH OFFICER.

Officers who shared in the expedition into the Chamkani country last December may remember an incident which occurred when a column under Colonel Hill beat up the village of Thabi. When the Gurkha scouts by their advance had got the enemy on the run a solitary Khani Khel tribesman remained contesting their advance single-handed. He continued firing with the greatest coolness, and finally moved off under a very smart fire. He was the single target at which the Gurkhas had to fire, but apparently they failed to score a bull's-eye. In any case the man got safely away, and there were many present who were rather glad that this was so, for his pluck could not be denied. Colonel Hill, himself an officer who had done all his service with Gurkhas, good humouredly remarked to the scouts afterwards that though they were splendid fellows in scaling hills, their shooting was bad as they could not hit a man at a few hundred yards' range. It seems, however, that their shooting was really accurate. Some little time ago a number of Khani Khels waited upon Captain Ross-Keppell, the Political Officer in Kurram, and among them was the hero of Thabi. This man stated that he had actually been hit four times by the scouts. One bullet had struck him on the left eye, and then in the throat, a third in the shoulder and a fourth in the left arm. There could be no doubt about his statement as his wounds could be seen. He had made a good recovery and is now quite cheerful and fit, to quote Captain Ross-Keppell's own words. Such a fine fellow was not to be lost sight of, and he is now attached to the Political Officer. He should be invaluable as an orderly if any tough bit of work has to be done, for a man who can get away after being hit by four Martini bullets must have a reserve of strength and endurance which are much out of the common. We hear the Gurkha scouts engaged at Thabi will be informed that their shooting was good after all.

TO THE FRONT.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

Year by year soldiering becomes more business-like, or at all events we are asked to believe so; but there is one point—and that an important one—on which we are anything but business-like, and that is the question of officers volunteering. As each fresh occasion arises, officers rush forward to offer their services in any capacity. The Aide-de-Camp leaves the gilded halls where he was wont to shine, and wants to become a Transport Officer, as though it were as easy to look after a train of ponies and camels as it is to put an Excellency into a railway train; the amateur stage-manager wants to become a provost marshal, and is sure he can hang a *ghazi* as easily as he can a curtain: in fact, the rush degenerates into a scramble, in which those who can push best come to the front, and appointments, like kissing, go by favour. When we consider the advantages that an officer secures by going on active service, the practical experience he gains, the honour and glory, the decorations and rewards, it seems obvious that every officer must be anxious to get to the front, as it is termed. Yet, on the other hand, should not a professional soldier know that his first care is to do his duty in that regiment or appointment in which providence or the authorities have placed him? Should not his motto be: 'They also serve who only stand and wait?' As long, however, as the present system is allowed, and the voices of the loudest or the nearest applicants are listened to, this undignified scramble will continue.—*Pioneer.*

THE LATE GEORGE ULYETT.

HIS NOTABLE CATCH AT LORD'S.

The famous Yorkshire cricketer, George Ulyett, who died at Sheffield recently, made his first appearance with Yorkshire in 1873. His death recalls that notable performance of his in the second Australian innings of the match England v. Australia, at Lord's in July, 1884. His analysis was 30 overs, 23 maidens, 36 runs, 7 wickets. There was a wonderful catch by which he dismissed the giant Bonnor. Concerning this catch Dr Grace says that 'the way he caught Bonnor off his own bowling in that innings has never been surpassed.' George Giffen, too, in his recently published work, 'With Bat and Ball,' makes mention of the catch, and describes it as 'one of the most brilliant I have ever seen.' Ulyett's own recollection of the incident was given as follows:—'The ball was no sooner out of my hand than it was back again—something after the manner of those elastic balls with which you see young men and maidens amusing themselves nowadays on the seaside parades. I had no time to judge the catch at all; the ball was back in my hand like lightning, and stuck there. I was not hurt on the inside of my hand, but on the outside or back of my hand I suffered some pain from the force of the concussion. The delivery was a straight half-volley, and he "middled" it. I have the ball upstairs now, and it has a plate with an inscription affixed to it. Both "W. G." and Lord Harris said I was very foolish for attempting the catch, for if the ball had hit my wrist or arm, it would have snapped the limb as if it were a bit of stick.'

THE AFTER EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

The American papers are discussing the possibilities opened up by the war, more especially with regard to the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Here are a few observations:—

SHALL WE MOVE FORWARD?

The cost of the Nicaragua canal will about equal the price of twenty war-ships. What is one hundred millions of dollars compared with the vast interests that the canal would foster and protect? This war with Spain is opening our eyes to many things. In a day we swept forward and became a leading figure in the situation in the far East. To-day we may move onward in a new line. Conservatism is a good thing to conjure with, but it is through strong, aggressive spirit that nations and the world advance. The war already has cemented the sections firmly together; has given us a standing among the nations of the world that is filled with safety and prestige; it has established a union of sympathy between this nation and Great Britain that holds out rich promise for the future of the race; it has pointed out our strength and it has shown us our weakness, and the greatest of these is the lack of swift and easy communication with our thousands of miles of sea coast. The remedy for this is the construction of the Nicaragua canal, at no matter what cost. And if the war shall result in sending the old fogies to the rear and in the inauguration of a policy that will insure the construction of this canal and the pursuit of all other aggressive plans that reason, the age, and our interests dictate, then the conflict will not have been waged in vain.—*The North American, Philadelphia.*

COMMERCIAL AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS.

But commercial as well as strategic reasons warrant us in giving our early attention to this grave problem. With the Nicaragua canal in operation the South Atlantic and Gulf ports would be enabled to carry on direct trade relations with the East, much to the benefit of the industrial and commercial interests of this section. Furthermore, the South American countries which border upon the Pacific Ocean, including Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and Bolivia, would find it largely to their interests, on account of the direct communication thus established, to purchase their supplies in this market. In the good results which would accrue from the opening of the Nicaragua canal, the entire country would participate. If the present war with Spain serves to bring about the opening of this needed waterway between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean, it will be credited with doing vastly more for the civilization and progress of the world than the mere destruction of Spain's colonial despotism.—*The Constitution, Atlanta.*

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Hongkong Tides.

16th to 19th August.

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Day of Week	Date	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mon.	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tues.	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wed.	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thur.	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fri.	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

August 11th.—AT 4 P.M.

Station	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	29.70	—	—	S	4	—	—
Kochi	29.72	—	—	—	0	—	—
Nagasaki	29.64	—	—	S	6	—	—
Kagoshima	29.68	—	—	S	4	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.81	83	80	W	3	cv	—
Sharp Pk	29.63	87	80	SE	2	c	—
Amoy	29.74	86	76	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	29.67	91	68	ENE	3	c	—
Hongkong	29.66	84	74	E	3	o	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ESE	3	—	—
Gap Rock	29.67	—	—	E	3	—	—
Macao	29.65	86	—	ESE	1	c	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. Jacs	—	—	—	SW	3	b	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

August 12th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.66	86	85	W	1	cv	—
Sharp Pk	29.6	85	76	—	0	b	—
Amoy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	29.68	86	84	N	1	o	—
Hongkong	29.66	84	69	NNE	2	o	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	NE	4	—	—
Gap Rock	29.6[illegible]	—	—	NE	3	—	—
Macao	29.68	80	—	NNW	1	o	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. Jacs	—	—	—	SW	2	bm	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

F. G. FINE, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 12, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).
RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

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WE have received from Mr A. A. Souza and Co. two magnificent specimens of the colour printer's art, advertising the beer of the Seattle Brewing and Malting Co., of which they are the local agents. One picture represents a cycling scene and the other is on the river.

THE annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was held on the 9th August, when the officers for the season 1898-9 were elected:—*General Committee*—Commodore, Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; Vice-Commodore, Capt. Hastings, R.N.; Hon. Secretary, A. Denison; Hon. Treasurer, Gershom Stewart; Official Measurer, C. H. Gale; Unofficial Members, J. Hastings, H. E. Pollock, and A. Bannerman. *Protest Committee*—The Commodore, Capt. W. H. Taylor, R.N., The Vice-Commodore, Capt. R. J. Rogers, R.N., Deputy Measurers, Capt. Rogers R.N. and A. Denison; Starting Officer, Capt. Rogers, R.N. The times for starting the classes in the Club Races were fixed; for the A class 1.15 p.m. B class 1.30 p.m. date of opening cruise, October 31, date of First Club Race, November 4.

SINGAPORE papers contain notices of the death of Mr William Charles Bibby, eldest son of Mr William Bibby, of Raub, this sad event having been caused by a fall down a winze in the Rin Lode tin working in Jelebu. Mr W. C. Bibby left Singapore on July 30 to proceed to Jelebu in order to direct the laying down of new tin crushing and dressing machinery at the Rin lode tin workings of the Jelebu Mining and Trading Company. He was, in about a fortnight thereafter, to have returned to Singapore preparatory to going up to Raub, where he was to assume charge of the new gold venture of the South Raub Syndicate, whose concession immediately abuts on the south side of the well-known Raub Concession. Telegraphic information was received from Jelebu on August 3 that Mr Bibby fell down the winze and fractured his skull. The remains of Mr Bibby were buried at Singapore on August 7.

THE Singapore Free Press of August 3 says:—Capt. Mogridge, of the s.s. *Memnon*, which arrived from Borneo a few days ago, and is now lying at the wharf, was this morning about 5.30 a.m. the victim of what is supposed to have been an unfortunate revolver accident. Hearing the shot the officers went to his room and found Captain Mogridge lying on the settee, with a bullet wound on the right side of his head above the temple. Medical assistance was called in, and it was then found that the bullet, glancing round the skull, had emerged, after grooving the frontal bone, from about the middle of the forehead, the bullet being found flattened, in the pillow of the settee. The injured man, who was unconscious, was suffering from loss of blood and concussion of the brain. His condition, although serious, is not anticipated to be likely to prove fatal. Capt. Mogridge is to be removed to the Hospital this afternoon. He is progressing favourably.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at noon on Tuesday, 16th August:—

Gentlemen,—In accordance with section 93 of the articles of association, the directors have now the pleasure to submit to the shareholders their half-yearly report for the six months ending 30th June, 1898.

ACCOUNTS.

The profit on working account for the half-year amounted to $71,037.10, as compared with $48,044.39 for the corresponding six months of 1897, being an increase of $22,412.71, or of $35,567.38 over the net profits on the working account for the same period of 1896.

Including a balance of $3,260.67 brought forward from 31st December, 1897, the profit and loss account shows a credit balance of $68 563.94, as compared with $31,791.70 at credit of the account on the 30th July, 1897, and $22,024.45 at credit on 30th June, 1896.

The directors propose, with your sanction, to deal with the balance of $68,563.94 as follows:—

To set aside against repairs and renewals	$ 6,000.00
To pay a dividend of 4 per cent for the half-year, absorbing	17,758.00
To write off from value of furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
To carry forward to new account	34,805.94
	$68,563.94

BUSINESS.

The business of the hotel during the period under review has been satisfactory, and in all its departments there has been an increased profit on former years, the war in the Philippines, which caused an influx of visitors from Manila, having partly contributed to this improvement.

DIRECTORS.

Messrs E Osborne and R. C. Wilcox retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDIT.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell, whose re-election is recommended.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
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REPORTED NEW CONCESSION TO FRANCE.

THE FOOCHOW ARSENAL.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, August 15, 6 p.m.

It is reported that China is inclined to yield to the French demands for a lease of the Island of Nantai at Foochow, and also the use of the Dockyard for repairing and docking French warships.

[The Island of Nantai is situated in the river at Foochow, a little above Pagoda Anchorage, and the foreign settlement stands on the northern side of the island. —ED. *C.M.*]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, August 10.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

It is believed that Spain's reply is not wholly satisfactory and will necessitate a further exchange of notes.

THE ADVANCE ON KHARTOUM.

The whole of the Nile expedition has started for the front.

BRITAIN'S TRADE IN CHINA.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce have appointed (Lord) Charles Beresford to proceed to China on the 24th instant to report on the prospects of British trade.

GREAT BRITAIN IN CHINA.

Mr Curzon (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replying to questions in the House of Commons said that China had expressed her gratitude for Great Britain's support, adding that no aggression had been threatened.

Sir Claude MacDonald wired on the 2nd February that the German Minister at Peking had opposed the concessions of the Chinkiang trunk line on the ground that no railway must be constructed in Shantung without an arrangement having been arrived at with Germany. Upon Great Britain protesting at Berlin and Peking, Germany replied that the facts had been misrepresented, and that she had only demanded that if China required assistance in Shantung she should first offer the work to Germans. Germany did not claim any exclusive privileges in China and had not attempted to exclude other nations from free competition in Shantung.

Instructions to resist preferential treatment of foreign subjects in trade had been sent to Sir Claude MacDonald in March, and renewed particular instructions in reference to railway concessions had been sent on the 13th July.

THE INDIAN VICE-ROYALTY.

Viscount Curzon has accepted the Viceroyalty of India.

[Reuter's agent advises us that this is probably the Hon. George N. Curzon.—ED. *C.M.*]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 12th at 11.0 a. Pressure remains low in the North, and the barometer is falling on the S. and S. E. coasts of China, with indications of the existence of a depression in the N.E. part of the China Sea. Red Drum hoisted. Forecast:—N.E. winds, probably freshening; unsettled, some rain.

REVIEWS.

THE CROOK OF THE BOUGH, by Monie Muriel Dowie. London: Methuen and Co; Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Miss Dowie (she has been married since she wrote *A Girl in the Karpathians*, but as she does not acknowledge her husband's name on the title page, there is no need to recall it here) cannot expect more than a *succès d'estime* for the present novel. She has proved in *Gallia* that she is capable of finer work than this, a costume romance where the heroine occupies four pages in changing her stockings, and another lady nine in polishing her finger-nails. The purpose of the book is an ambitious one, an attempt to thoughtfully compare and contrast the Caucasian and Semitic views of the nature of woman's duties and privileges by describing the love of a Turkish officer for a healthy English girl of independent type; but Miss Dowie introduces a French countess to illustrate the vanity of dress and then falls into her own trap, devotes a whole chapter to the purchase of a frock and page after page to millinery and upholstery. The moral of the book seems to be that the New Woman is a non-natural product and, like the monkey that coveted humanity, would be better and safer back in the crook of the bough.

MARGERY OF QUESTHER AND OTHER STORIES, by S. Baring-Gould. London: Methuen and Co. 36 Essex St., W.C. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Messrs Methuen have added to their popular Library a charming look in this collection of a few of Baring-Gould's short stories. The one that gives its title to the volume is an early vampire tale, of a sixteenth-century Margery who returned to trouble the nineteenth, and the reader follows with amused interest the course by which George Rosedhu's life is drained from him and the violent means by which it is restored. The other stories are in a lighter and more human key; the pathos of 'Major Cornelius' and the humour of 'Wanted, a Reader' are unmistakeable, and in 'At the Y' both are blended. Mr Baring Gould is one of the most prolific of authors, but always gives good work—a story worth telling and well told, and those whom his novels have charmed will be pleased indeed to see these sketches rescued from the oblivion that so soon overtakes magazine fiction. His pictures of rural life and manners in out-of-the-way corners of England are delineated so finely and delicately, and lift him to a place of his own in contemporary literature, with few to share it and none to supersede him. Those who remember his appreciation of 'Margery of Quether' in the Cornish Fisher Folk volume will welcome its reappearance in a permanent form.

THE WAR.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

A telegraphic summary of the news for the week ending July 15, the mail for which will be brought on by the French mail steamer *Indus*, appears in the *Rangoon Gazette*. We extract the following:—

PRESS COMMENTS.

Discussing the naval fight, or flight rather, off Santiago, the *National Zeitung* concludes: 'Individual acts of heroism are things of the past. Only machine guns and accurate shooting are of any account in modern warfare. Neither heavy guns nor dogged perseverance availed against quick-firing guns.'

The St. Petersburg *Novosti* calls the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron 'brutal slaughter,' and adds, 'it is the duty of Europe to put a stop to the struggle.'

ADMIRAL CERVERA AND THE INTERVIEWERS.

Admiral Cervera has been fairly accessible to interviewers. Clearly he thinks there is nothing for him to conceal. He said: 'The Spanish Minister of Marine telegraphed, "No matter what the consequences, go to sea and fight the enemy." . . . My plan was to sink the *Brooklyn*, to go to Havana and raise the blockade. . . . Accompanied by my son I jumped overboard. While in the water the Cubans fired on us. . . . I was surprised that the *Cristobal Colon* was not attacked *en masse*. She had no heavy guns, they are all in Italy (the vessel was purchased from Italy) or in the pocket of the Chief of Ordnance.' He said he originally intended to remain one day only in Santiago Harbour, but he was delayed by coaling.

RIDDLED WITH SHELLS.

In the hull of the *Almirante Oquendo* were found 61 shell holes, 24 in the *Viscaya*, 33 in the *Maria Teresa* and eight in the *Cristobal Colon*.

NEGLECTED SHIPS.

The magazines of all the vessels had exploded and blown up the decks. The hulls were not pulverized nor the keels turned up as in the case of the *Maine*. They were obviously fine but neglected ships, excellently built and the armour first-class, ships which, in other hands, with their proper complement of guns, could have held their own against the best. The *Viscaya* was blown up by her own torpedoes.

The Americans agree that the Spaniards displayed the utmost heroism. The Spanish prisoners are much gratified with the reception they met aboard the American ships, Admiral Cervera and Captain Eulate of the *Viscaya* receiving quite an ovation.

GENERAL TORAL'S OFFER.

According to the New York *Tribune*, General Toral, who has succeeded General Linares in command of the Spanish troops at Santiago, offered to evacuate the town if his forces were allowed to retire to Holguin, sixty miles away.

LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

General Shafter telegraphs a detailed list of American casualties in last week's fighting around Santiago. This shows the American loss to be as follows: Killed, 22 officers and 208 men; Wounded, 81 officers and 1,203 men; Missing, 70 men; Total casualties, 103 officers and 1,490 men.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CAPITULATION.

It is said that General Shafter's military advisers are willing to accept an offer made by General Toral that his troops should have twenty miles' start of the Americans, the Spanish retaining their side-arms but surrendering their rifles. The truth seems to be that both sides are anxious for a settlement, but there is a difficulty about supplies and about transport.

All that was known for certain up to this morning was that the two Generals were negotiating, General Shafter endeavouring to induce General Toral to surrender.

General Miles has telegraphed that General Toral has received authority to leave Santiago, and is willing to withdraw and surrender the harbour, ports, munitions of war and the eastern portion of Cuba. This has been accepted by General Miles, but the forces with their side-arms are, to be transported to Spain at the expense of America. Thus, one-third, or 11,000 square miles, of the Province of Santiago would be given to America. General Miles's despatch says that General Toral objects to leave all the arms behind, as the Spanish laws do not give a general such discretion. It is not quite clear from the despatch, but it seems to be understood that only the side-arms will be allowed.

A Madrid telegram says the Government has directed Marshal Blanco to urge General Toral to resist to the end.

Later.—It is reported this evening (Friday) that the Santiago garrison will retreat with the honours of war. It is believed a shell fired from the American fleet this week destroyed a church in which were large stores of ammunition, and this has left the Spaniards with little more than one day's supply.

The Americans propose to invite the carrying companies to tender for the conveyance of the garrison.

The British Vice-Consul and General Toral's Chief of the Staff are the two Spanish Commissioners appointed to arrange for the capitulation.

IN HAVANA.

Passengers from Havana to Jamaica report that that city is quiet, but the barracks are full of starving women and children, and poor are dying in the streets. The soldiers are fairly well fed and are anxious to fight. There is no flour and no meat to be purchased in the city. Apparently there is no present intention of attacking Havana.

SPANISH UNPREPAREDNESS.

Another instance of Spanish unpreparedness comes out this week. The Cubans found the Spanish trenches at Aguadores abandoned and timber arranged around to represent guns, to terrify the assailants. No doubt, the guns that should have been there are also 'in the pockets' of Spanish administrators.

NEW YORK HARBOUR MINES.

The mines laid in New York harbour are to be removed, as there is no further need of them. It has been decided that it will be safer to explode them instead of raising them.

FRENCH GUNBOAT HAULED UP.

The Americans stopped a French gunboat which was about to enter the harbour of Santiago.

DEWEY AND AGUINALDO.

July 30.—Admiral Dewey telegraphs that Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, has become defiant, and it may possibly be necessary to fight the insurgents, in which event 100,000 troops will be required.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The American reply to the Spanish note requesting the opening of peace negotiations has been handed in by M. Cambon, French Ambassador at Washington. It is understood the reply embodies the conditions telegraphed yesterday, except the cession of coaling stations in the Philippines. The demand is made for the immediate evacuation of Cuba and Puerto Rico, the future of the Philippines being left to the decision of a Hispano-American Commission, America in the meanwhile controlling Manila and the vicinity thereof and also Cuba, pending the establishment of a stable government in the island.

SICKNESS AMONGST AMERICAN TROOPS.

July 31.—General Shafter reports a rapid increase of sickness amongst the American troops in Cuba, of whom 4,270 are now on the sick list, including 3,406 cases of yellow fever. Serious outbreaks of typhoid are reported in the American camps in Florida.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th August: Present, Messrs R. M. Gray (Chairman), Herbert Smith (Vice-Chairman), A. Haupt, J. J. Bell-Irving, T. Jackson, A. McConachie, H. A. Ritchie, N. A. Siebs, T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).—

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting (held on the 13th July) were read and confirmed.

LOCAL BANK NOTE ISSUE.

A letter having, pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting of Committee, been addressed to the Government enclosing extract from the Minutes on the question of the issue of Bank Notes in the Colony,

Read reply, dated 16th July, from the Acting Colonial Secretary, stating that the extract would be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It was generally considered that the outcome of the inquiry into the position of the Bank Note Issue and the subsequent Ordinance passed by Government, were satisfactory.

THE KOWLOON EXTENSION CONVENTION.

The questions involved in the stipulations under the Convention of the 9th June, and possible further proposals were discussed at some length, but it was decided for the present not to publish the proceedings.

THE WORKING OF THE POST OFFICE.

Read despatch from the Acting Colonial Secretary, dated 14th July, in reply to the Chamber's letter of the 9th idem, calling attention to the late delivery of the previous inward French Mail, and enclosing for the information of the Chamber, copies of reports from the Postmaster General.

While the Committee could not regard the explanation given as satisfactory, they hope that some improvement would be apparent in the working of the Post Office in future.

QUARANTINE.

A letter having been addressed to the Government on the 14th July, suggesting that, as plague had then practically ceased to exist, clean bills of health might be granted, and asking that, in the event of this being done, the Straits Government might be advised by telegraph of the fact,

A reply was received on the 16th, stating that the issue of clean bills of health to vessels clearing from Hongkong had already been authorised, and that the Straits Government had been so informed by letter.

On the 22nd July a letter was received from Government, transmitting copy of a further letter from Bengal Government with enclosures stating that instructions had been given to enforce quarantine against vessels arriving from Amoy and Swatow.

Read letter just received from the Government informing Chamber of receipt of a telegram from the Straits Government to the effect that quarantine against Hongkong had been withdrawn.

INTERNATIONAL MINING AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT COOLGARDIE.

Read letter from Secretary to the International Exhibition of Western Australia, to be held at Coolgardie in 1899, setting forth the objects and scope of the project and expressing the hope that the Chamber will assist by inducing exhibitors to visit the Exhibition or send specimens of the products of the Colony.

THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

The Chairman said—This Ordinance has been read a first and second time at two consecutive meetings of the Legislative Council without giving the public much time to examine its provisions.

Mr Whitehead—The third reading will take place on Monday next, the 15th inst. At present the Bill is in Committee, and it is not too late to propose amendments.

The Chairman—The measure seems a good one and something of the sort was wanted. I have discussed it with several who are interested in the subject, and think that there may be some points for consideration. If any members of the Committee or others would send in any suggestions to the Secretary, doubtless the Member for the Chamber would take the question up.

After some discussion,

Mr Whitehead said he should be pleased to do what was necessary, but he must be in possession of what was required before Saturday in order to communicate with the Attorney General before the meeting on Monday.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION OF 1900.

Read letter from Acting Colonial Secretary (received at meeting) announcing that the Government had again been approached on the subject of this Colony being represented at the above Exhibition, and inquiring whether the Chamber was in a position to take an active part in inducing exhibitors to come forward.

It was decided to publish the papers, but to express inability to actively push the matter.

SLIGHTLY used Pianos, cheap, to clear for the summer, easy terms, full guarantee.—Robinson Piano Co.

CAPT. Mills, of the s.s. *Lady Longden*, which returned to Singapore from Singgora on Aug 4 died at sea on the 1st inst., of heart disease, and was buried ashore at Kwala Pahang the following day. Capt. Mills was, we believe, formerly Harbour Master of Rangoon and had been for some time out East. Until recently he was master of the s.s. *Queen*, a Penang vessel. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, leaves a widow and family in Penang.—*Singapore Free Press.*

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YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

I.

And it came to pass that the Great Ministers of the Queen of Victory incurred very great unpopularity by reason of the debates on the matter of the Celestial Empire, their attitude towards that country, the near neighbours of the City by the Sea, and their back-down before the threats and decisive measures of the White Emperor and his very astute and unscrupulous servants.

Now nothing could make the people of the Great Queen believe that they had not lost face, and they were sorely incensed against the Ministers and especially against the Lord of the Hat, whom they said was weak kneed, and the people of the city agreed with their brethren in the Home Land, and said, 'Behold these men have been tried in the fire and have been found wanting, and have put us to shame before the nations!'

And the organs of the Ministers were set to work to prove that two and two made five, but the demonstration was faulty and did not work out. Though the Great Record of the Centuries endeavoured to prove that the Lord of the Hat had scored in five instances, yet the people said, 'He has failed in ten, and we have had enough of him.'

Now this was in a great measure unjust, for the Lord of the Hat was a true patriot and loved his country, but was oppressed by age and infirmities, and he said unto his children, 'Verily, nothing succeeds like success, and though I have had much success the people now turn against me!' And the young Sir Arthur murmured 'Such is life!' for he know that the tide had turned and that the Ministers of the Great Queen were on the downward grade and the question was, Had they strength enough to work the brakes?

And the constituencies went back on the Lord of the Horse Collar, the mighty relative of the Lord of the Hat, and the people took this as a sign and said one to another, 'Behold how the strength and popularity of our Rulers has vanished like a dream!' And it was true, for throughout the length and breadth of the land an outcry arose that Ministers began to lose heart and became like a flock of sheep menaced by the wolf.

And dissension arose among the Ministers, not secret and unavowed, but open and expressed in veiled sentences. And the Lord of the Purse String spake scornful words of one of the Great and Choice Selected of the City of Spanish Stripes, who held high office, but was not of the true Sir Lancelot strain, and was only tolerated because of his cleverness and business capacity, gifts not valued much by some of the Hereditary Aristocracy, who feel that they are born to power and think it enough to be able to assume an air of stupendous pomposity and wisdom. Fortunately all aristocrats are not so minded, there being many great and good men among them.

And the people said, 'Lo! they dispute among themselves, for unless it was so no man would so speak of his colleague!' And the Great and Choice Selected retired among his own people for a season and spoke winged words which flew all over the world, and he said afterwards, 'There is no dissension between the Lord of the Hat and myself, else would I not resign my place and my power!' But the Choice Selected had burned his bridges, and he remarked to his trusty henchman of the Island of the Knights Templar, 'Of a truth it is much easier to sell your merchandise to Hades on a credit bond, than to dream of having that bond cancelled!'

But as yet the Party of Liberality was without a leader. The G. O. M. had joined the majority, and the people distrusted the party who had left them a legacy of Majuba Hill and all its humiliations, so that there was still breathing time left for the discredited ones. Still the Ministers of the White Emperor pursued their tactics of insult and blunter, so that the Celestials cowered before them like the hounds before the whip of the huntsman.

And about this time trouble arose between Cousin Jonathan and the Land of La Mancha, where there were many windmills grinding much wind, and Cousin Jonathan made a good tilt and overthrew many of the windmills. And the Double-Headed Eagles, and the Bears and the Fighting Cocks became jealous, and they said, 'Let us combine and have a paw and a claw in this pie, and then we can shut down on those sons and cousins of sea-wolves and take all they possess!'

And the seabirds carried these sayings across the waters, and the old Lion awoke and said 'Hum! Ah!' and the Bull arose and said, 'Boo-o-o-ah.' And the White-Headed Eagle let a scream and shut one eye! And the old Lion held out his paw, and the White-Headed Eagle spread himself, and said, 'Shake, Old Man!' And they shook and the Continent of Europe shook too, but it was with fear, for the White-Headed Eagle kept bowling over windmills and scuttling fleets in both hemispheres, and making the game generally.

And Johnny said to Cousin Jonathan, 'You 'im keep going and make your game. My bulldogs are on hand, and if anyone wants to interfere, well they will find "Blood is thicker than water," and there will be some fun when the grass is Dewey and when Sampson takes to pulling down edifices again, which would only be history repeating itself. Drinks all round!'

And the Lord of the Hat took hours of grace, and he stiffened his back and had a good stiffener of Dee-side with sugar, and he remarked to the young Sir Arthur, 'There is nothing like Dee-side to put courage into a man. Quick the telephone! the megaphone! Set the wires in motion and command the Lord of Whitehall to spend eight millions at once on the newest engines of destruction. Richard is himself again! Summon the Council, and hark in your ear, Let the interests of Ye City by Ye Sea be well attended to—on paper I mean, for now I think of it those people have no votes—and the new territory need not be more than nominally taken over or policed. And send a strong message to the Lord of the Isles at Pekin to keep the door open and stand no more bunkum from the bear?'

And the young Sir Arthur did as his Lord commanded, and the end is not yet! Some there were who said, 'Six months too late!' and others said, 'The Lord of the Hat takes the odd trick, and has saved the Ministry.'

And our old Warrior Chief sighed and said in his heart, 'So mote it be.' For he was full of wisdom and experience of men and things.

THE RECENT COLLAPSE AT THE POST OFFICE.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL REPORTS ON THE DELAY IN DELIVERY.

The following correspondence was considered by the Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th July, 1898.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, calling attention to the late delivery of the last inward French Mail, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Chamber of Commerce copy of reports by the Postmaster General.

While recognising that the exceptionally heavy work on the 5th instant to some extent explains the delay which occurred, the Officer Administering the Government has given instructions to the Postmaster General which it is hoped may prevent a recurrence of the state of affairs complained of.—I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

REPORT BY POSTMASTER GENERAL.

The French Mail was received in the Office at 6.30 a.m., and the work of sorting was at once proceeded with.

Mails from Canton, Shanghai, Coast Ports (two steamers), Japan, Foochow and Calcutta were also received between 7 and 10 a.m. and were, with the exception of the Canton Mail, sorted with the French Mail.

The Canton Mail was written up and sent out at 8 a.m.

The sorting of the above was completed at 8.40 and at 8.50 the sorting of newspapers was commenced, but had to be soon abandoned to allow the outgoing mail per *Doric* to be dealt with.

The posting for that mail was exceedingly heavy, and the staff was short of two officers, while three of those present (Chinese) proved almost useless, and accordingly the mails for the *Doric* were not ready for despatch till 12.45 a.m.

The mail notice had then to be prepared.

The European mail for Shanghai had to be got ready as the *Melbourne* was leaving at 4 p.m., and mails for Japan had to be prepared for the same steamer.

Besides these the mails had to be got ready for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow per *Thales*, leaving at 5 p.m., while at the same time mails had to be closed for Ningpo, Chefoo, and Tientsin, so that the whole of the forward correspondence had to be sorted in addition to that posted locally; so that it was past 4 p.m. before the bags for the French steamer could leave the office.

The sorting of the papers was then proceeded with and they were ready at 6.30 p.m., but in the meantime mails for Canton, Hoihow, Haiphong, Kobe and Newchwang had to be prepared.

I am satisfied, from frequent personal inspection of the work during the day in question, that in the circumstances the papers were delivered as expeditiously as possible.

The circumstances are nearly the same as those in the case reported upon in the C. S. O.—with the addition that the amount of correspondence dealt with in the current has increased by at least 30 per cent.

I need hardly remind you that it has long been settled that the post office is sadly in need of adequate accommodation, and I think that in the circumstances the staff did their work very well or at least as well as they could in a day when probably there was more work to be got through than on any other day in the existence of the Colony.

Measures for increasing the accommodation will have to be taken ere long in view of the fact that according to the latest scheme a complete new Post Office cannot be expected for at least four years.

I trust that the above explanation will be deemed by His Excellency to be sufficient; if not, might I venture to suggest a personal inspection from time to time to satisfy the Government that my contention regarding accommodation is correct.

(sd.) A. M. THOMSON, P.M.G.
11/7/98.

Addendum,

Enclosure to Chamber of Commerce letter.

1. Report by Superintendent of Registration Branch attached showing work done.

The Postman might have been delayed rather later than usual in the General Branch on account of the reasons set forth in report and as they had a good deal to take out it would be some time before they accomplished their rounds.

2. Dealt with above.

3. Only one instance has come to my notice, dealt with in Superintendent's report.

4. No cases were brought to my notice. Mail was ready with the French mail. It is impossible for me to do anything as to such complaints (3) and (4) unless Articles 44-46 of the Postal Guide are complied with. The public generally give no assistance to this department; the writing of abstract complaints often couched in offensive terms is of no help.

In conclusion, I quite agree with the Chamber in (2) of their letter, but the first thing to do is to get a place to put the staff in.

The only places that occur to me are the rooms generally occupied by the Attorney General and Crown Solicitor, or the ground floor of the Club opposite.

The latter would be more convenient in many ways.

I must again urge upon Government that the day in question was one of maximum pressure such as occurs only once in a year or two, and if the staff is to be sufficient for such extraordinary occasions it would mean very, very, very the majority of the rest of the year.

At the same time I must say that the clerks in the Post Office are at present the most hard worked of any in Government Departments.

(Sd.) A. M. THOMSON,
P. M. G.
12/7/98.

Registration Branch,
General Post Office.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1898.

Sir,—The mails leaving in the morning of the 5th instant were as follows:—

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow } 9.30 a.m.
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta } 10 a.m.
American Mail, 12 noon.

The registered bags ex s.s. *Melbourne* were delivered in this office between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and the Hongkong registered letters were handed out to the postman at 2 p.m. I consider that this delay in dealing with the mail was due not only to the amount of mails leaving but to the fact that I had three new clerks, two of whom had only been in this office a little over two weeks, and the other a little over two months.

The registered letter referred to by Mr Dalrymple in the *Daily Press* of the 8th (7th?) instant was handed out to the postman at 2 p.m., but as he had a large number of ordinary letters as well as registered letters to deliver and had the whole lot to sort and arrange previous to going out on his rounds it was a few minutes past 4 p.m. before he reached Mr Dalrymple's office, only to find the office closed.

The letter was taken out at 8 a.m. the following morning but again found the office closed; at 10 a.m. the postman had the newspapers by the previous day's mail to deliver as well as his letters and on that account it was nearly 11.30 a.m. before he reached Mr Dalrymple's office.

I remain, etc.,
(Sd.) A. BARRON,
Supt. Registration Branch.

To the Hon. A. M. Thomson, Postmaster General.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

INLAND NAVIGATION OF CHINESE WATERS.

London, July 29.—The Tsungli Yamen has agreed upon revised regulations for the inland navigation of Chinese waters.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

London, July 28.—The Emperor has conferred the Order of the Black Eagle, set in brilliants, upon the Emperor of China.

THE MURDER OF WOOLF JOEL.

London, July 29.—Veltheim, the murderer of Mr Woolf Joel, has been acquitted at Johannesburg. The verdict of the Jury has caused profound astonishment.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF COUNT ARCOVALLY.

The trial of Trœd, who shot at and wounded Count Arcovally, Secretary to the German Embassy in London, has resulted in the jury finding accused insane.

THE KING OF SPAIN.

The King of Spain is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

July 30.—The examining magistrate, notwithstanding the opposition of the Public Prosecutor, has decided that Commandant Paty du Clam should be prosecuted on a charge of complicity with Major Esterhazy in forging documents in the Dreyfus case.

MURDER OF A FRENCH OFFICER.

Captain Cuissemajor, commanding a French expedition on the Upper Niger, has been murdered together with his escort, half way between the Niger and Lake Tchad.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales has arrived at Cowes.

M. ZOLA.

July 31.—M. Zola, who left France after the judgment in the Versailles court, has now arrived in Norway.

THE HOOLEY DISCLOSURES.

Allahabad, July 30.—A special telegram to the *Pioneer* from its London special correspondent says: Ernest Terah Hooley in his public examination in bankruptcy asserted that he paid between £90,000 and £100,000 to four names on the front page of the prospectus of the Dunlop Company.

The Directors themselves were to have £5,000, half of this sum going to Earl De La Warr, who secured the Duke of Somerset for nothing. The Earl of Albemarle, who was entitled to half, received only £12,500, being ignorant of the total amount. The Earl of Winchelsea received £10,000 to join the board of the Cycle Tube Company. £1,000 was paid in connection with the Singer Company for the introductions of Lord Ashburton, the Earl of Warwick, Viscount Deerhurst, the Earl of Norbury and Lord Greville.

A sum of £75,000 in shares or cash was paid to persons undertaking to square newspapers, including the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the *Financial Post*.

The Earl of Winchelsea has since flatly denied Hooley's statement regarding himself, and several other less well known persons accused by Hooley have also denied his assertions.

The Duke of Somerset's resignation from the board of the Dunlop Company is announced to-day. His Grace declares, as does the Earl of Warwick, that he was ignorant that any payments had been made to his colleagues.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

A NAVAL TRAITOR.

At Devonport, a naval signalman has been sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and dismissal from the service with disgrace for having, on his own confession, stolen a signal book from the *Nile*, when on the Mediterranean Station, for a reward offered him by a subject of some foreign power. The prisoner burnt the book, but not before, it is believed, extracts were made from it.

OBITUARY.

The gross personal estate of the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones has been returned at £54,000, and the net personal estate of Mr Adam Black, the publisher, at £147,000.

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Hongkong Register.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date 10 a.m.	On date 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.65	29.66	29.67
Temperature	84	84	86
Humidity	74	69	71
Direction of Wind	S	NNE	NNE
Force	3	4	2
Weather	D	D	D
Rain	—	0.03	—

Range of temperature on the 11th ... 77 ... 86
Range of temperature on the 12th ... 76 ... 86

P. O. Plan. First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 12, 1898.

Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship *Maria Valerie*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 16 h August, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNISED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th August will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 9, 1898. 15 2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *CHUSAN*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWN at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo :—

— From LONDON, &c., ex s. s. *Arcadia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. *Pembroke* and *Pachumba*. From MALABAR COAST, ex s. s. *Chybassa*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 a.m., TO-DAY, 6 h Instant.

Goods not cleared by the 11th August, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, August 6, 1898. 1484

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *BRAEMAR*, FROM ORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1520

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM COPENHAGEN, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship *Malaya* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before Noon, on the 13th Instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13 h Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Goods will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, on the 8th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 5, 1898. 1485

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Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1464

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Indus*, Captain VAQUIER, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 13th Instant.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, August 8, 1898. 1494

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Craigearn* will be despatched as above on or about the 15th August.

To be followed by :—

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Hongkong, August 8 1898. 1495

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 10, 1898. 1516

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Lightning*, Captain J. G. SPENCE, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, August 9, 1898. 1507

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Gisela*, Captain G. G. F. MOSCA, will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, in the AFTERNOON.

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Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1518

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Sikh* to be despatched for the above Ports on or about 21st August.

S.S. *Macduff*, to sail about 15th Sept.

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S.S. *Lennox*, to sail about 15th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, August 3, 1898 1448

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, July 13, 1898. 1351

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FOR NEW YORK.

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Hongkong, August 10, 1898. 1460

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Hongkong, July 14, 1898. 1162

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Hongkong, July 12, 1898. 1041

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ON SATURDAY, the 13th August, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *MELBOURNE*, Captain DUCHATEAU, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s. s. *Polynésien*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 25th August, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th August. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, July 30 1898. 1453

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NOTICE

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	August 17.
Preussen	Wednesday	Sept. 14.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	October 12.
Sachsen	Wednesday	November 9.
Bayern	Wednesday	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	Jan. 4, 1899.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of August, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. CLIPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 15th August, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 16th August, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 16th August. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

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Hongkong, July 20, 1898. 1229

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, August 6, 1898. 1484

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Thursday Sept. 1, at noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday Sept. 20, at noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th August, at Noon.

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KAMAKURA MARU, N. TRENNT,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	TUESDAY, 16 h Aug., at 4 p.m.
TAMBA MARU, H. BARNES,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 23rd Aug., at 4 p.m.
OMI MARU, C. YOUNG,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 26th Aug., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, F. W. HASWELL,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 p.m.
TOSA MARU, C. BILLCOAY,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 1st September, at 4 p.m.
SAGAMI MARU, T. MURAI,	VLADIVOSTOCK, *Via* SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GENSAN.	FRIDAY, 2nd Sept., at Noon.

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A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898. 1501

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Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

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Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
Columbia...	3893	W. Gow	Aug. 23
Tacoma....	2549	A. Dixon.....	Sept. 17
Victoria...	3167	J. Truebridge....	Sept. 27
Olympia...	1408	C. H. Dobson....	Oct. 22

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
* Braemar.	4601	E. Porter	Aug. 13
Mogul	3654	A. H. Butler	Sept. 10
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Braemar...	4601	E. Porter.....	Nov. 1

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Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship *Maria Valeria*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 16th August, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNISED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th August will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 9, 1898. 1512

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *CHUSAN*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From LONDON, &c., ex s. s. *Arcadia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. *Pemba* and *Pachumba*. From MALABAR COAST, ex s. s. *Chybassa*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 a.m., TO-DAY, 6th Instant.

Goods not cleared by the 11th August, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, August 6, 1898. 1484

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *BRAEMAR*, FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1523

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM COPENHAGEN, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship *Mulaya* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before Noon, on the 13th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Goods will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, on the 8th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, August 6, 1898. 1485

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Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Diomed*, Captain BARTLETT, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant, at 5 p.m., taking through Cargo for WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1464

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Indus*, Captain VAGNIER, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, August 8, 1898. 1494

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Cuirassier* will be despatched as above on or about the 16th August.

To be followed by:—

S.S. *Lio*, on or about 25th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 8 1898. 1495

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Centaur*, Captain BANNATYNE, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 10, 1898. 1516

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Lightning*, Captain J. G. SPENCE, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong August 9, 1898. 1507

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Gisela*, Captain G. G. F. MOSCA, will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, in the AFTERNOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1518

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Sikh* to be despatched for the above Ports on or about 21st August.

S.S. *Macduff*, to sail about 15th Sept.

S.S. *Ghazee*, to sail about 30th Sept.

S.S. *Lennox*, to sail about 15th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 3, 1898 1446

UNITED STATES AND CHINA—JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Indrapura*, Captain A. HORSFALL, will be despatched as above on or about 1st September.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, July 13, 1898. 1351

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The * 100 *A.I.* Bri. 4-m. Barque *Crown of Germany*, McILGORM, Master, will be despatched on or about August 31st.

The * 100 *A.I.* Bri. 4-m. Barque *Mukoka*, CROWE, Master, will be despatched, on or about September 20th.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, August 10, 1898. 1460

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

100 *A.I.* British Ship *Hawthornbank*, GREIG, Master, now loading here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, July 14, 1898. 1162

FOR NEW YORK.

The * *A.I.* 9.06 Norw. Barque *Prince Arthur*, Captain OLSEN, having arrived, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1898. 1441

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

The Co.'s Steamship *Deucalion*, Captain BRANCH, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, August 10, 1898. 1515

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Hongkong, May 31, 1898. 774

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Hongkong, July 18, 1898. 1384

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Hongkong, August 3, 1898. 1474

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HARRY WICKING & Co., *Praya Central.*

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Hongkong, June 22 1898 1547

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th August, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *MELBOURNE*, Captain DUCHATEAU, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s. s. *Polynésien*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 25th August, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th August. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, July 30 1898. 1453

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

Noth.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	August 17.
Preussen	Wednesday	Sept. 14.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	October 12.
Sachsen	Wednesday	November 9.
Bayern	Wednesday	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	Jan. 4, 1899.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of August, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. CÜPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 15th August, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 16th August, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 16th August. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

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Hongkong, July 20, 1898. 1229

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *PARRAMATTA*, Capt C. F. PRESTON, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 20th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, August 6, 1898. 1484

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	Saturday, August 13, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday Sept. 1, at noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday Sept. 20, at noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th August, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

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All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo issued to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong July 26, 1898. 1433

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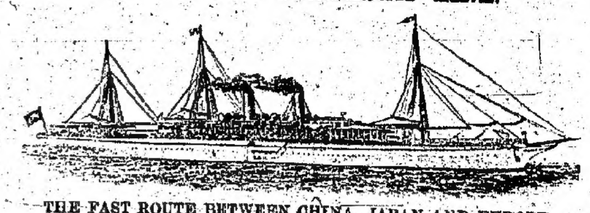

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Hongkong, August 11, 1898. 1517

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
SADO MARU, MURRAY,	NAGASAKI, MOJI KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 16th Aug., at 4 p.m.
KAMAKURA MARU, N. TRENNT,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	TUESDAY, 16th Aug., at 4 p.m.
TAMBA MARU, H. BARNES,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 23rd Aug., at 4 p.m.
OMI MARU, C. YOUNG,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 26th Aug., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, E. W. HASWELL,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 p.m.
TOSA MARU, C. GILLCOAT,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 1st September, at 4 p.m.
SAGAMI MARU, T. MURAI,	VLADIVOSTOCK, *Via* SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GENSAN.	FRIDAY, 2nd Sept., at Noon.

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A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, August 11, 1898. 1501

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
Columbia	2600	L. Gow	Aug. 23
Tacoma	2549	L. Dixon	Sept. 17
Victoria	3167	J. Trueblood	Sept. 27
Olympia	4608	C. H. Dobson	Oct. 21

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
* *Braemar*	1601	E. Porter	Aug. 13
Mogul	3654	J. H. Butler	Sept. 10
...	...	...	Oct. 8
Braemar	1601	E. Porter	Nov. 1

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WE have received from M. A. A. Souza and Co. two magnificent specimens of the colour printer's art, advertising the beer of the Seattle Brewing and Malting Co., of which they are the local agents. One picture represents a cycling scene and the other is on the river.

THE annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was held on the 9th August, when the officers for the season 1898-9 were elected:—*General Committee*—Commodore, Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; Vice-Commodore, Capt. Hastings, R.N.; Hon. Secretary, A. Denison; Hon. Treasurer, Gershom Stewart; Official Measurer, C. H. Gale; Unofficial Members, J. Hastings, H. E. Pollock, and A. Bannerman. *Protest Committee*—The Commodore, Capt. W. H. Taylor, R.N., The Vice-Commodore, Capt. R. J. Rogers, R.N.; Deputy Measurers, Capt. Rogers R.N. and A. Denison; Starting Officer, Capt. Rogers, R.N. The times for starting the classes in the Club Races were fixed; for the A class 1.15 p.m. B class 1.30 p.m. date of opening cruise, October 30, date of First Club Race, November 6.

SINGAPORE papers contain notices of the death of Mr William Charles Bibby, eldest son of Mr William Bibby, of Raub, this sad event having been caused by a fall down a winze in the Rin Lodo tin working in Jelebu. Mr W. C. Bibby left Singapore on July 30 to proceed to Jelebu in order to direct the laying down of new tin crushing and dressing machinery at the Rin lodo tin workings of the Jelebu Mining and Trading Company. He was, in about a fortnight thereafter, to have returned to Singapore preparatory to going up to Raub, where he was to assume charge of the new gold venture of the South Raub Syndicate, whose concession immediately abuts on the south side of the well-known Raub Concession. Telegraphic information was received from Jelebu on August 3 that Mr Bibby fell down the winze and fractured his skull. The remains of Mr Bibby were buried at Singapore on August 7.

THE Singapore Free Press of August 3 says:—Capt. Mogridge, of the s.s. *Memnon*, which arrived from Borneo a few days ago, and is now lying at the wharf, was this morning about 5.30 a.m. the victim of what is supposed to have been an unfortunate revolver accident. Hearing the shot the officers went to his room and found Captain Mogridge lying on the settee, with a bullet wound on the right side of his head above the temple. Medical assistance was called in, and it was then found that the bullet, glancing round the skull, had emerged, after grooving the frontal bone, from about the middle of the forehead, the bullet being found flattened, in the pillow of the settee. The injured man, who was unconscious, was suffering from loss of blood and concussion of the brain. His condition, although serious, is not anticipated to be likely to prove fatal. Capt. Mogridge is to be removed to the Hospital this afternoon. He is progressing favourably.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at noon on Tuesday, 16th August:—

Gentlemen,—In accordance with section 53 of the articles of association, the directors have now the pleasure to submit to the shareholders their half-yearly report for the six months ending 30th June, 1898.

ACCOUNTS.

The profit on working account for the half-year amounted to $71,057.10, as compared with $46,644.39 for the corresponding six months of 1897, being an increase of $22,412.71, or of $36,367.38 over the net profits on the working account for the same period of 1896.

Including a balance of $3,236.67 brought forward from 31st December, 1897, the profit and loss account shows a credit balance of $58,563.94, as compared with $31,791.79 at credit of the account on the 30th July, 1897, and $22,024.46 at credit on 30th June, 1896.

The directors propose, with your sanction, to deal with the balance of $58,563.94 as follows:—

To set side against repairs and renewals	$ 6,000.00
To pay a dividend of 4 per cent for the half-year, absorbing	17,758.00
To write off from value of furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
To carry forward to new account	24,805.94
	$58,563.94

BUSINESS.

The business of the hotel during the period under review has been satisfactory, and in all its departments there has been an increased profit on former years, the war in the Philippines, which caused an influx of visitors from Manila, having partly contributed to this improvement.

DIRECTORS.

Messrs E. Osborne and R. C. Wilcox retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDIT.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell, whose re-election is recommended.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
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REPORTED NEW CONCESSION TO FRANCE.

THE FOOCHOW ARSENAL.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, August 15, 6 p.m.

It is reported that China is inclined to yield to the French demands for a lease of the Island of Nantai at Foochow, and also the use of the Dockyard for repairing and docking French warships.

[The Island of Nantai is situated in the river at Foochow, a little above Pagoda Anchorage, and the foreign settlement stands on the northern side of the island. —ED. *C.M.*]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, August 10.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

It is believed that Spain's reply is not wholly satisfactory and will necessitate a further exchange of notes.

THE ADVANCE ON KHARTOUM.

The whole of the Nile expedition has started for the front.

BRITAIN'S TRADE IN CHINA.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce have appointed (Lord) Charles Beresford to proceed to China on the 24th instant to report on the prospects of British trade.

GREAT BRITAIN IN CHINA.

Mr Curzon (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replying to questions in the House of Commons said that China had expressed her gratitude for Great Britain's support, adding that no aggression had been threatened.

Sir Claude MacDonald wired on the 2nd February that the German Minister at Peking had opposed the concessions of the Chinkiang trunk line on the ground that no railway must be constructed in Shantung without an arrangement having been arrived at with Germany. Upon Great Britain protesting at Berlin and Peking, Germany replied that the facts had been misrepresented, and that she had only demanded that if China required assistance in Shantung she should first offer the work to Germans. Germany did not claim any exclusive privileges in China and had not attempted to exclude other nations from free competition in Shantung.

Instructions to resist preferential treatment of foreign subjects in trade had been sent to Sir Claude MacDonald in March, and renewed particular instructions in reference to railway concessions had been sent on the 13th July.

THE INDIAN VICE-ROYALTY.

Viscount Curzon has accepted the Vice-royalty of India.

[Reuter's agent advises us that this is probably the Hon. George N. Curzon.—ED. *C.M.*]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 12th at 11.0 a. Pressure remains low in the North, and the barometer is falling on the S. and S. E. coasts of China, with indications of the existence of a depression in the N.E. part of the China Sea. Red Drum hoisted. Forecast:—N.E. winds, probably freshening; unsettled, some rain.

REVIEWS.

THE CROSS OF THE BOUGH, by Menie Muriel Dowie. London: Methuen and Co; Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Miss Dowie (she has been married since she wrote *A Girl in the Karpathians*, but as she does not acknowledge her husband's name on the title page, there is no need to recall it here) cannot expect more than a *succès d'estime* for the present novel. She has proved in *Gallia* that she is capable of finer work than this, a costume romance where the heroine occupies four pages in changing her stockings, and another lady nine in polishing her finger-nails. The purpose of the book is an ambitious one, an attempt to thoughtfully compare and contrast the Caucasian and Semitic views of the nature of woman's duties and privileges by describing the love of a Turkish officer for a healthy English girl of independent type; but Miss Dowie introduces a French countess to illustrate the vanity of dress and then falls into her own trap, devotes a whole chapter to the purchase of a frock and page after page to millinery and upholstery. The moral of the book seems to be that the New Woman is a monstrous product and, like the monkey that coveted humanity, would be better and safer back in the crook of the bough.

MARGERY OF QUESTER AND OTHER STORIES, by S. Baring-Gould. London: Methuen and Co. 36 Essex St., W.C. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Messrs Methuen have added to their popular Library a charming look in this collection of a few of Baring-Gould's short stories. The one that gives its title to the volume is an eerie vampire tale, of a sixteenth-century Margery who returned to trouble the nineteenth, and the reader follows with amused interest the course by which George Rosedhu's life is drained from him and the violent means by which it is restored. The other stories are in a lighter and more human key; the pathos of 'Major Cornelius' and the humour of 'Wanted, a Reader' are unmistakeable and in 'At the Y' both are blended. Mr Baring Gould is one of the most prolific of authors, but always gives good work—a story worth telling and well told, and those whom his novels have charmed will be pleased indeed to see these sketches rescued from the oblivion that so soon overtakes magazine fiction. His pictures of rural life and manners in out-of-the-way corners of England, delineated so kindly and delicately entitle him to a place of his own in contemporary literature, with few to share it and none to supersede him. Those who remember the adventures of 'Margery of Quether' in the Cornish tales of years ago will welcome its reappearance in a permanent form.

THE WAR.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

A telegraphic summary of the news for the week ending July 15, the mail for which will be brought on by the French mail steamer *Indus*, appears in the *Rangoon Gazette*. We extract the following:—

PRESS COMMENTS.

Discussing the naval fight, or flight rather, off Santiago, the *National Zeitung* concludes: 'Individual acts of heroism are things of the past. Only machine guns and accurate shooting are of any account in modern warfare. Neither heavy guns nor dogged perseverance availed against quick-firing guns.'

The St. Petersburg *Novosti* calls the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron 'brutal slaughter,' and adds, 'it is the duty of Europe to put a stop to the struggle.'

ADMIRAL CERVERA AND THE INTERVIEWERS.

Admiral Cervera has been fairly accessible to interviewers. Clearly he thinks there is nothing for him to conceal. He said: 'The Spanish Minister of Marine telegraphed, "No matter what the consequences, go to sea and fight the enemy." . . . My plan was to sink the *Brooklyn*, to go to Havana and raise the blockade. . . . Accompanied by my son I jumped overboard. While in the water the Cubans fired on us. . . . I was surprised that the *Cristobal Colon* was not attacked *en masse*. She had no heavy guns, they are all in Italy (the vessel was purchased from Italy) or in the pocket of the Chief of Ordnance.' He said he originally intended to remain one day only in Santiago Harbour, but he was delayed by coaling.

RIDDLED WITH SHELLS.

In the hull of the *Almirante Oquendo* were found 61 shell holes, 24 in the *Vizcaya*, 33 in the *Maria Teresa* and eight in the *Cristobal Colon*.

NEGLECTED SHIPS.

The magazines of all the vessels had exploded and blown up the decks. The hulls were not pulverized nor the keels turned up as in the case of the *Maine*. They were obviously fine but neglected ships, excellently built and the armour first-class, ships which, in other hands, with their proper complement of guns, could have held their own against the best. The *Vizcaya* was blown up by her own torpedoes.

The Americans agree that the Spaniards displayed the utmost heroism. The Spanish prisoners are much gratified with the reception they met aboard the American ships, Admiral Cervera and Captain Eulate of the *Vizcaya* receiving quite an ovation.

GENERAL TORAL'S OFFER.

According to the New York *Tribune*, General Toral, who has succeeded General Linares in command of the Spanish troops at Santiago, offered to evacuate the town if his forces were allowed to retire to Holquin, sixty miles away.

LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

General Shafter telegraphs a detailed list of American casualties in last week's fighting around Santiago. This shows the American loss to be as follows:—Killed, 22 officers and 208 men; Wounded, 81 officers and 1,206 men; Missing, 70 men: Total casualties, 103 officers and 1,490 men.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CAPITULATION.

It is said that General Shafter's military advisers are willing to accept an offer made by General Toral that his troops should have twenty miles' start of the Americans, the Spanish retaining their side-arms but surrendering their rifles. The truth seems to be that both sides are anxious for a settlement, but there is a difficulty about supplies and about transport.

All that was known for certain up to this morning was that the two Generals were negotiating, General Shafter endeavouring to induce General Toral to surrender.

General Miles has telegraphed that General Toral has received authority to leave Santiago, and is willing to withdraw and surrender the harbour, ports, munitions of war and the eastern portion of Cuba. This has been accepted by General Miles, but the forces with their side-arms are to be transported to Spain at the expense of America. Thus, one-third, or 11,000 square miles, of the Province of Santiago would be given to America. General Miles's despatch says that General Toral objects to leave all the arms behind, as the Spanish laws do not give a general such discretion. It is not quite clear from the despatch, but it seems to be understood that only the side-arms will be allowed.

A Madrid telegram says the Government has directed Marshal Blanco to urge General Toral to resist to the end.

Later.—It is reported this evening (Friday) that the Santiago garrison will retreat with the honours of war. It is believed a shell fired from the American fleet this week destroyed a church in which were large stores of ammunition, and this has left the Spaniards with little more than one day's supply.

The Americans propose to invite the carrying companies to tender for the conveyance of the garrison.

The British Vice-Consul and General Toral's Chief of the Staff are the two Spanish Commissioners appointed to arrange for the capitulation.

IN HAVANA.

Passengers from Havana to Jamaica report that that city is quiet, but the barracks are full of starving women and children, and poor are dying in the streets. The soldiers are fairly well fed and are anxious to fight. There is no flour and no meat to be purchased in the city. Apparently there is no present intention of attacking Havana.

SPANISH UNPREPAREDNESS.

Another instance of Spanish unpreparedness comes out this week. The Cubans found the Spanish trenches at Aguadores abandoned and timber arranged around to represent guns, to terrify the assailants. No doubt, the guns that should have been there are also 'in the pockets' of Spanish administrators.

NEW YORK HARBOUR MINES.

The mines laid in New York harbour are to be removed, as there is no further need of them. It has been decided that it will be safer to explode them instead of raising them.

FRENCH GUNBOAT HAULED UP.

The Americans stopped a French gunboat which was about to enter the harbour of Santiago.

DEWEY AND AGUINALDO.

July 30.—Admiral Dewey telegraphs that Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, has become defiant, and it may possibly be necessary to fight the insurgents, in which event 15,000 troops will be required.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The American reply to the Spanish notes requesting the opening of peace negotiations has been handed to M. Cambon, French Ambassador at Washington. It is understood the reply embodies the conditions telegraphed yesterday, except the session of coaling stations in the Philippines. The demand is made for the immediate evacuation of Cuba and Puerto Rico, the future of the Philippines being left to the decision of a Hispano-American Commission, America in the meanwhile controlling Manila and the vicinity thereof and also Cuba, pending the establishment of a stable government in the island.

SICKNESS AMONGST AMERICAN TROOPS.

July 31.—General Shafter reports a rapid increase of sickness amongst the American troops in Cuba, of whom 4,279 are now on the sick list, including 3,406 cases of yellow fever. Serious outbreaks of typhoid are reported in the American camps in Florida.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th August: Present, Messrs R. M. Gray (Chairman), Herbert Smith (Vice-Chairman), A. Haupt, J. J. Bell-Irving, T. Jackson, A. McConachie, H. A. Ritchie, N. A. Siebs, T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).—

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting (held on the 13th July) were read and confirmed.

LOCAL BANK NOTE ISSUE.

A letter having, pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting of Committee, been addressed to the Government enclosing extract from the Minutes on the question of the issue of Bank Notes in the Colony,

Read reply, dated 16th July, from the Acting Colonial Secretary, stating that the extract would be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It was generally considered that the outcome of the inquiry into the position of the Bank Note Issue and the subsequent Ordinance passed by Government were satisfactory.

THE KOWLOON EXTENSION CONVENTION.

The questions involved in the stipulations under the Convention of the 9th June, and possible further proposals were discussed at some length, but it was decided for the present not to publish the proceedings.

THE WORKING OF THE POST OFFICE.

Read despatch from the Acting Colonial Secretary, dated 14th July, in reply to the Chamber's letter of the 9th idem, calling attention to the late delivery of the previous inward French Mail, and enclosing for the information of the Chamber copies of reports from the Postmaster General.

While the Committee could not regard the explanation given as satisfactory, they hope that some improvement would be apparent in the working of the Post Office in future.

QUARANTINE.

A letter having been addressed to the Government on the 14th July, suggesting that, as plague had then practically ceased to exist, clean bills of health might be granted, and asking that, in the event of this being done, the Straits Government might be advised by telegraph of the fact,

A reply was received on the 16th, stating that the issue of clean bills of health to vessels clearing from Hongkong had already been authorised, and that the Straits Government had been so informed by letter.

On the 22nd July a letter was received from Government, transmitting copy of a further letter from Bengal Government with enclosures stating that instructions had been given to enforce quarantine against vessels arriving from Amoy and Swatow.

Read letter just received from the Government informing Chamber of receipt of a telegram from the Straits Government to the effect that quarantine against Hongkong had been withdrawn.

INTERNATIONAL MINING AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT COOLGARDIE.

Read letter from Secretary to the International Exhibition of Western Australia, to be held at Coolgardie in 1899, setting forth the objects and scope of the project and expressing the hope that the Chamber will assist by inducing exhibitors to visit the Exhibition or send specimens of the products of the Colony.

THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

The Chairman said—This Ordinance has been read a first and second time at two consecutive meetings of the Legislative Council without giving the public much time to examine its provisions.

Mr Whitehead—The third reading will take place on Monday next, the 15th inst. At present the Bill is in Committee, and it is not too late to propose amendments.

The Chairman—The measure seems a good one and something of the sort was wanted. I have discussed it with several who are interested in the subject, and think that there may be some points for consideration. If any members of the Committee or others would send in any suggestions to the Secretary, doubtless the Member for the Chamber would take the question up.

After some discussion,

Mr Whitehead said he should be pleased to do what was necessary, but he must be in possession of what was required before Saturday in order to communicate with the Attorney General before the meeting on Monday.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION OF 1900.

Read letter from Acting Colonial Secretary (received at meeting) announcing that the Government had again been approached on the subject of this Colony being represented at the above Exhibition, and inquiring whether the Chamber was in a position to take an active part in inducing exhibitors to come forward

It was decided to publish the papers, but to express inability to actively push the matter.

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CAPT. Mills, of the s.s. *Lady Longden*, which returned to Singapore from Singore on Aug 4 died at sea on the 1st inst., of heart disease, and was buried ashore at Kwala Pahang the following day. Capt. Mills was, we believe, formerly Harbour Master of Rangoon and had been for some time out East. Until recently he was master of the s.s. *Quirra*, a Penang vessel. The deceased, who was about 50 years of age, leaves a widow and family in Penang.—*Singapore Free Press.*

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YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

I.

And it came to pass that the Great Ministers of the Queen of Victory incurred very great unpopularity by reason of the debates on the matter of the Celestial Empire, their attitude towards that country, the near neighbours of the City by the Sea, and their back-down before the threats and decisive measures of the White Emperor and his very astute and unscrupulous servants.

Now nothing could make the people of the Great Queen believe that they had not lost face, and they were sorely incensed against the Ministers and especially against the Lord of the Hat, whom they said was weak kneed, and the people of the city agreed with their brethren in the Home Land, and said, 'Behold these men have been tried in the fire and have been found wanting, and have put us to shame before the nations'.

And the organs of the Ministers were set to work to prove that two and two made five, but the demonstration was faulty and did not work out. Though the Great Record of the Centuries endeavoured to prove that the Lord of the Hat had scored in five instances, yet the people said, 'He has failed in ten, and we have had enough of him.'

Now this was in a great measure unjust, for the Lord of the Hat was a true patriot and loved his country, but was oppressed by age and infirmities, and he said unto his children, 'Verily, nothing succeeds like success, and though I have had much success the people now turn against me!' And the young Sir Arthur murmured 'Such is life!' for he knew that the tide had turned and that the Ministers of the Great Queen were on the downward grade and the question was, Had they strength enough to work the brakes?

And the constituencies went back on the Lord of the Horse Collar, the mighty relative of the Lord of the Hat, and the people took this as a sign and said one to another, 'Behold how the strength and popularity of our Rulers has vanished like a dream!' And it was true, for throughout the length and breadth of the land an outcry arose that Ministers began to lose heart and became like a flock of sheep menaced by the wolf.

And dissension arose among the Ministers, not secret and unavowed, but open and expressed in veiled sentences. And the Lord of the Purse String spake scornful words of one of the Great and Choice Selected of the City of Spanish Stripes, who held high office, but was not of the true Sir Lancelot strain, and was only tolerated because of his cleverness and business capacity, gifts not valued much by some of the Hereditary Aristocracy, who feel that they are born to power and think it enough to be able to assume an air of stupendous pomposity and wisdom. Fortunately all aristocrats are not so minded, there being many great and good men among them.

And the people said, 'Lo! they dispute among themselves, for unless it was so no man would so speak of his colleague!' And the Great and Choice Selected retired among his own people for a season and spoke winged words which flew all over the world, and he said afterwards, 'There is no dissension between the Lord of the Hat and myself, else would I not resign my place and my power?' But the Choice Selected had burned his bridges, and he remarked to his trusty henchman of the Island of the Knights Templar, 'Of a truth it is much easier to sell your merchandise to Hades on a credit bond, than to dream of having that bond cancelled!'

But as yet the Party of Liberality was without a Leader. The G. O. M. had joined the majority, and the people distrusted the party who had left them a legacy of Majuba Hill and all its humiliations, so that there was still breathing time left for the discredited ones. Still the Ministers of the White Emperor pursued their tactics of insult and bluster, so that the Celestials cowered before them like the hounds before the whip of the huntsman.

And about this time trouble arose between Cousin Jonathan and the Land of La Mancha, where there were many windmills grinding much wind, and Cousin Jonathan made a good tilt and overthrew many of the windmills. And the Double-Headed Eagles and the Bears and the Fighting Cocks became jealous, and they said, 'Let us combine and have a paw and a claw in this pie, and then we can shut down on those sons and cousins of sea-wolves and take all they possess!'

And the seabirds carried these sayings across the waters, and the old Lion awoke and said 'Hum! Ah!' and the Bull arose and said, 'Boo-o-o-ah.' And the White-Headed Eagle let a scream and shut one eye! And the old Lion held out his paw, and the White-Headed Eagle spread himself, and said, 'Shake, Old Man!' And they shook and the Continent of Europe shook too, but it was with fear, for the White-Headed Eagle kept bowling over windmills and scuttling fleets in both hemispheres, and making the game generally.

And Johnny said to Cousin Jonathan, 'You 'in keep going and make your game. My bulldogs are on hand, and if anyone wants to interfere, well they will find "Blood is thicker than water," and there will be some fun when the grass is Dewey and when Sampson takes to pulling down edifices again, which would only be history repeating itself. Drinks all round!'

And the Lord of the Hat took heart of grace, and he stiffened his back and had a good stiffener of Dee-side with sugar, and he remarked to the young Sir Arthur, 'There is nothing like Dee-side to put courage into a man. Quick the telephone! the megaphone! Set the wires in motion and command the Lord of Whitehall to spend eight millions at once on the newest engines of destruction. Richard is himself again! Summon the Council, and hark in your ear, Let the interests of Ye City by Ye Sea be well attended to—on paper I mean, for now I think of it those people have no votes—and the new territory need not be more than nominally taken over or policed. And send a strong message to the Lord of the Isles at Pekin to keep the door open and stand no more bunkum from the bear?

And the young Sir Arthur did as his Lord commanded, and the end is not yet! Some there were who said, 'Six months too late!' and others said, 'The Lord of the Hat takes the odd trick, and has saved the Ministry.'

And our old Warrior Chief sighed and said in his heart, 'So mote it be.' For he was full of wisdom and experience of men and things.

THE RECENT COLLAPSE AT THE POST OFFICE.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL REPORTS ON THE DELAY IN DELIVERY.

The following correspondence was considered by the Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th July, 1898.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, calling attention to the late delivery of the last inward French Mail, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Chamber of Commerce copy of reports by the Postmaster General.

While recognising that the exceptionally heavy work on the 5th instant to some extent explains the delay which occurred, the Officer Administering the Government has given instructions to the Postmaster General which it is hoped may prevent a recurrence of the state of affairs complained of.—I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

REPORT BY POSTMASTER GENERAL.

The French Mail was received in the Office at 6.30 a.m., and the work of sorting was at once proceeded with

Mails from Canton, Shanghai, Coast Ports (two steamers), Japan, Foochow and Calcutta were also received between 7 and 10 a.m. and were, with the exception of the Canton Mail, sorted with the French Mail.

The Canton Mail was written up and sent out at 8 a.m.

The sorting of the above was completed at 8.40 and at 8.50 the sorting of newspapers was commenced, but had to be soon abandoned to allow the outgoing mail per *Doric* to be dealt with.

The posting for that mail was exceedingly heavy, and the staff was short of two officers, while three of those present (Chinese) proved almost useless, and accordingly the mails for the *Doric* were not ready for despatch till 12.45 a.m.

The mail notice had then to be prepared.

The European mail for Shanghai had to be got ready as the *Melbourne* was leaving at 4 p.m., and mails for Japan had to be prepared for the same steamer.

Besides these the mails had to be got ready for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow per *Thales*, leaving at 6 p.m., while at the same time mails had to be closed for Ningpo, Chefoo, and Tientsin, so that the whole of the forward correspondence had to be sorted in addition to that posted locally; so that it was past 6 p.m. before the bags for the French steamer could leave the office.

The sorting of the papers was then proceeded with and they were ready at 8.30 p.m., but in the meantime mails for Canton, Hoihow, Haiphong, Kobe and Newchwang had to be prepared.

I am satisfied, from frequent personal inspection of the work during the day in question, that in the circumstances the papers were delivered as expeditiously as possible.

The circumstances are nearly the same as those in the case reported upon in the C. S. O.—with the addition that the amount of correspondence dealt with, in the current has increased by at least 30 per cent.

I need hardly remind you that it has long been settled that the post office is sadly in need of adequate accommodation, and I think that in the circumstances the staff did their work very well or at least as well as they could in a day when probably there was more work to be got through than on any other day in the existence of the Colony.

Measures for increasing the accommodation will have to be taken ere long in view of the fact that according to the latest scheme a complete new Post Office cannot be expected for at least four years.

I trust that the above explanation will be deemed by His Excellency to be sufficient, if not, might I venture to suggest a personal inspection from time to time to satisfy the Government that my contention regarding accommodation is correct.

(ed.) A. M. THOMSON, P.M.G.
11/7/98.

Addendum,

Enclosure to Chamber of Commerce letter.

1. Report by Superintendent of Registration Branch attached showing work done.

The Postman might have been delayed rather later than usual in the General Branch on account of the reasons set forth in report and as they had a good deal to take out it would be some time before they accomplished their rounds.

2. Dealt with above.

3. Only one instance has come to my notice, dealt with in Superintendent's report.

4. No cases were brought to my notice. Mail was ready with the French mail. It is impossible for me to do anything in re such complaints (3) and (4) unless Articles 44-46 of the Postal Guide are complied with. The public generally give no assistance to this department; the writing of abstract complaints often couched in offensive terms is of no help.

In conclusion, I quite agree with the Chamber in (2) of their letter, but the first thing to do is to get a place to put the staff in.

The only places that occur to me are the rooms generally occupied by the Attorney General and Crown Solicitor, or the ground floor of the Club opposite.

The latter would be more convenient in many ways.

I must again urge upon Government that the day in question was one of maximum pressure such as occurs only once in a year or two, and if the staff is to be sufficient for such extraordinary occasions it would mean very easy work for the majority of the rest of the year.

At the same time I must say that the clerks in the Post Office are at present the most hard worked of any in Government Departments.

(Sd.) A. M. THOMSON,
P. M. G.
12/7/98.

Registration Branch,
General Post Office.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1898.

SIR,—The mails leaving in the morning of the 5th instant were as follows:—

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow	9.30 a.m.
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta	10 a.m.

American Mail, 12 noon.

The registered bags ex s.s. *Melbourne* were delivered in this office between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and the Hongkong registered letters were handed out to the postman at 2 p.m. I consider that this delay in dealing with the mail was due not only to the amount of mails leaving but to the fact that I had three new clerks, two of whom had only been in this office a little over two weeks, and the other a little over two months

The registered letter referred to by Mr Dalrymple in the *Daily Press* of the 8th (7th?) instant was handed out to the postman at 2 p.m., but as he had a large number of ordinary letters as well as registered letters to deliver and had the whole lot to sort and arrange previous to going out on his rounds it was a few minutes past 4 p.m. before he reached Mr Dalrymple's office, only to find the office closed.

The letter was taken out at 8 a.m. the following morning but again found the office closed; at 10 a.m. the postman had the newspapers by the previous day's mail to deliver as well as his letters and on that account it was nearly 11.30 a.m. before he reached Mr Dalrymple's office.

I remain, etc.,
(Sd.) A. BARRON.
Supt. Registration Branch.

To the Hon. A. M. Thomson, Postmaster General.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

INLAND NAVIGATION OF CHINESE WATERS.

London, July 29.—The Tsungli Yamen has agreed upon revised regulations for the inland navigation of Chinese waters.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

London, July 28.—The Emperor has conferred the Order of the Black Eagle, set in brilliants, upon the Emperor of China.

THE MURDER OF WOOLF JOEL.

London, July 29.—Veltheim, the murderer of Mr Woolf Joel, has been acquitted at Johannesburg. The verdict of the Jury has caused profound astonishment.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF COUNT ARCOVALLY

The trial of Troed, who shot at and wounded Count Arcovally, Secretary to the German Embassy in London, has resulted in the jury finding accused insane.

THE KING OF SPAIN.

The King of Spain is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

July 30.—The examining magistrate, notwithstanding the opposition of the Public Prosecutor, has decided that Commandant Paty du Clam should be prosecuted on a charge of complicity with Major Esterhazy in forging documents in the Dreyfus case.

MURDER OF A FRENCH OFFICER.

Captain Caissemajor, commanding a French expedition on the Upper Niger, has been murdered together with his escort, half way between the Niger and Lake Tchad.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales has arrived at Cowes.

M. ZOLA.

July 31.—M. Zola, who left France after the judgment in the Versailles court, has now arrived in Norway.

THE HOOLEY BRICKMAKERS.

Allahabad, July 30.—A special telegram to the *Pioneer* from its London special correspondent says: Ernest Terah Hooley in his public examination in bankruptcy asserted that he paid between £90,000 and £100,000 to four names on the front page of the prospectus of the Dunlop Company.

The Directors themselves were to have £5,000, half of this sum going to Earl De La Warr, who secured the Duke of Somerset for nothing. The Earl of Albemarle, who was entitled to half, received only £12,500, being ignorant of the total amount. The Earl of Winchelsea received £10,000 to join the board of the Cycle Tube Company. £1,000 was paid in connection with the Singer Company for the introductions of Lord Ashburton, the Earl of Warwick, Viscount Deerhurst, the Earl of Norbury and Lord Greville.

A sum of £76,000 in shares or cash was paid to persons undertaking to square newspapers, including the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the *Financial Post*.

The Earl of Winchelsea has since flatly denied Hooley's statement regarding himself, and several other less well known persons accused by Hooley have also denied his assertions.

The Duke of Somerset's resignation from the board of the Dunlop Company is announced to-day. His Grace declares, as does the Earl of Warwick, that he was ignorant that any payments had been made to his colleagues.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

A NAVAL TRAITOR.

At Devonport, a naval signalman has been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment and dismissal from the service with disgrace for having, on his own confession, stolen a signal book from the *Nile*, when on the Mediterranean Station, for a reward offered him by a subject of some foreign power. The prisoner burnt the book, but not before, it is believed, extracts were made from it.

OBITUARY.

The gross personal estate of the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones has been returned at £84,000, and the net personal estate of Mr Adam Black, the publisher, at £147,000.

BRINSMEAD & Allison Pianos, the very best value.—Robinson Piano Co.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous 10 a.m.	On date 10 a.m.	On date 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.65	29.64	29.57
Temperature	84	84	86
Humidity	74	69	71
Direction of Wind	S	NNE	SSE
Force	3	2	3
Weather	5	6	5
Rain	—	0.03	—

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T. C. FISH, First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 12, 1898.

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 345.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 15th day of August, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1898. 1493

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of August, 1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land, at Hung Hom, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 920.	Hung Hom Inland Lot 920. West of Market.	330	330	70	70	23,100	42	5775

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 346.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of August, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1898. 1498

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 16th day of August, 1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of Two Lots of Crown Land in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1,508	Kennedy Road. (North of Union Church)	88	116	103.9	9	8896	8	134
2	No. 1,509	Do.	152	145.6	100	103	15234	114	183

BY ORDER OF THE SECOND MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES AND HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON

WEDNESDAY,

the 17TH day of AUGUST, 1898, at 3 P.M., at their OFFICES, PRAYA CENTRAL,

In ONE LOT,

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE

LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 1413, formerly known as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 5 A. Those premises (Nos. 236 and 238, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL), are held for the Residue of a term of 999 years from the 1st July, 1846. Annual proportion of Crown Rent, $20. The Lot number was altered last year to No. 1413, but the Crown Lease has never been taken up.

ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of LAND, situate at Victoria aforesaid, and Registered in the Land Office as SECTION D of MARINE LOT No. 199. These premises face on the PRAYA WEST (No. 218), and are held for the Residue of a term of 999 years from the 7th January, 1862. Annual Proportion of Crown Rent, $22.

ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of LAND situate at Victoria aforesaid, and Registered in the Land Office as SECTION L of MARINE LOT No. 199. These premises face on QUEEN'S ROAD WEST (Nos. 373 and 375) and SAI HING LANE (Nos. 4 and 5), and are held for the same term as Section D of Marine Lot 199 above. Annual Proportion of Crown Rent, $15.

ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, and Registered in the Land Office as SECTION Q of MARINE LOT No. 199. These premises face on SAI WO LANE (Nos. 1 and 2), and are held for the same term as Sections D and L above. Annual Proportion of Crown Rent, $15.

ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, and Registered in the Land Office as SECTION C of MARINE LOT No. 198. These premises face on PRAYA WEST (No. 225), and are held for the Residue of a term of 999 years from the 7th January, 1862. Annual Proportion of Crown Rent, $19.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers;
or to
Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS,
Vendor's Solicitors.

Hongkong, August 5, 1898. 1480

SECOND EDITION.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES OF INDIA, BURMA, SIAM, THE MALAY PENINSULA, CAMBODIA, ANNAM, THIBET, COREA AND JAPAN,

Entrusted to the SOCIETY of the 'MISSION ETRANGERES.'

(Translated by EDWARD HARPER PARKER, and Reprinted from 'THE CHINA REVIEW.')

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

For SALE at KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 13th August, 1898, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A QUANTITY OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY DRAWING ROOM SUITE, 2 FINE OVERMANTELS, EASY CHAIRS, TEA TABLES, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.

TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, TEAK SIDEBOARD, DINNER WAGGONS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c.

SEVERAL DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBES, DRESSING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, ASHWOOD DRESSING TABLE and WASHSTAND, TEAK BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, &c., &c.

Also,

SEVERAL SECOND-HAND BICYCLES.

And,

A FEW Piece s of CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE.

On view from *Friday*, the 12th Aug., 1898.

TERMS:—As Customary.

Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 11, 1898 1519

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

MATCH with the KING'S OWN REGIMENT TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 13th Instant.

FIRING will Commence at 3 p.m. instead of 2 p.m., as advertised. The following Gentlemen Composing the TEAM and RESERVES are requested to be on the Range punctually. (TEAM)—Capt. WARREN, R.A., Messrs. COLES, MARSHALL, SHEPHERD, SKELTON, SMYTH, McLENNAN, W. MACDONALD, BOWERY and WALLACE. (RESERVES)—HILLS, LEADINGHAM, McPHAIL, GOW.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1532

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

CRAIGENGOWER, CAINE ROAD.

THESE SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED for the New Term on MONDAY, 15th Instant.

For Prospectus, &c., apply

HEAD MASTER.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1529

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(*For account of the concerned*),

ON

THURSDAY,

the 18th August, 1898, at 2.30 P.M., at The NEW CLUB, Queen's Road Central,—

SUNDRY FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SMALL DINING TABLES, CARD TABLES, DINNER WAGGONS, SIDE BOARDS, CUTLERY, NAPERY, and E. P. WARE, IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS BEDDING, DRESSING TABLES, BEVELLED GLASS MIRRORS, TOILET SETS, CARPETS and MATTING, &c., &c., &c.

Also,

TWO ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES, by THURSTON & Co.

Catalogues can be obtained on *Monday*, on application to the Auctioneers.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1363

TO LET.

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on BOWEN ROAD—(Now in course of erection).

No. 5, RIPON TERRACE,
No. 8, ELGIN STREET.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1530

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kutsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON of the 15th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expenses into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1526

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *SOCOTRA.*

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at KOWLOON, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. B. I. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. From MADAGASCAR, ex s. s. *Loodiana.*

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th Inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be affected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1525

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 24, at 3 p.m.
Australian Ports	Omi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 26, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Aug. 17, at 9 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Tamba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 23, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Parramatta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Diomed (4)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 13, at 5 p.m.
London	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 20.
Marseilles & London	Kamakura Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 16, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Posa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 1, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Melbourne (s)	Messageries Maritime	Aug. 13, at noon.
Nagasaki and Kobe	Jantzar (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 16, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yoma	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 14, daylight.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yoma	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 29, at 4 p.m.
Naoki, Kobe & Yokoma	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at 6 p.m.
Niigata, Moji, Kobe & Yoma	Sado Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 16, at 4 p.m.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Silh (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Aug. 21.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Craigearn (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Aug. 15.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Indrapura (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Sept. 1.
New York	Crown of Germany	Siemssen & Co.	About Aug. 31.
New York	Muskoka	Siemssen & Co.	About Sept. 20.
New York	Prince Arthur	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon	Braemar (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 15, at noon.
Sandakan and Kudat	Dansalion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 16, at 3 p.m.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Aug. 13, at noon.
San Francisco	Hawthornbank	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Aug. 13, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Sutlej (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 19.
Shai, Ningpo, Kiaochow & Yoma	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 19.
Shai, Ningpo, Kiaochow & Yoma	Indus (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About August 13.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	Lightning (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Aug. 16, at 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Haimun (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug. 14, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Columbia (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 23, at noon
Vancouver (B.C.), & Vladivostock, &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'ific S. Co.	Aug 31, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe	Sagami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 2, at noon.
	Hsiela (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Aug. 17, afternoon.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Lyeemoon*, Captain G. HEUERMANN, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898.— 1527

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Haimun*, Captain HODGINS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1524

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND LAUNCESTON.

The Co.'s Steamship *Chingtu*, Captain MOORE, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ*

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 12, 1898. 1531

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 11.

Darin, British steamer, 959, J. Hamilton, Bangkok August 5, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

August 12.

Kwong Lee, Chinese str., from Canton.

Socotra, British steamer, 3,919, Thos. H. Hide, R.N.R., London June 23, and Singapore August 7, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kutsang, British steamer, 1,456, R. C. D. Bradley, Calcutta July 23, and Singapore August 6, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Haimun, British str., 636, A. Hodgins, Foochow August 5, Amoy 10, and Swatow 11, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Hailan, French steamer, 377, W. Bant, Pakhoi August 9, and Hoihow 11, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Hong Leong, British steamer, 1,171, A. Fripp, Penang and Singapore August 6, General.—JOO TICK SING.

Kweiyang, British steamer, 1,042, A. Outerbridge, Tientsin July 30, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sultan, British steamer, 1,643, Lake, Chefoo August 2, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Phra Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,011, Fowler, Bangkok via Swatow August 3, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

DEPARTURES.

August 11.

Malaya, for Shanghai.

August 12.

Sarnia, for Yokohama.
Thales, for Swatow.
Trym, for Shanghai.
Yuensang, for Kobe.
Onsang, for Samarang.
Kachidate Maru, for Kutchinotsu.

CLEARED.

Ask, for Hoihow.
Hut Sheng, German cruiser, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kutsang*, from Calcutta, &c., Messrs Droude and White, 5 Chinese and 1 Indian.

Per *Haimun*, from Coast Ports, Mrs Hodgins and child, Mr Ferguson, and 162 Chinese.

Per *Hong Leong*, from Penang, &c., 404 Chinese.

Per *Sultan*, from Chefoo, Mr Hoffe and family, and 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Lutzmbro*, from Hongkong for Bombay, Messrs Roque T. Francisco, Antonio Simao, F. J. Silva, A. Justiniano, D. Santo da cos, F. Sanja, and H. Hirshim, and 14 Chinese; for Aden, 8 Chinese; for Straits, 150 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Socotra* reports: Fine weather since leaving Singapore.

The British steamer *Kutsang* reports: Fine weather from Singapore, moderate S.W'ly wind and sea.

The British steamer *Haimun* reports: From Foochow August 5th, under Matsu Island 6th to 9th, N.E. calms, heavy rain squalls, S.E. swell, moderate S.W. gale, heavy rain squalls to Amoy; calm, smooth sea, fine and clear to Swatow; fresh N'ly winds, moderate sea and S.E. swell, showery to port. Str. in Foochow: *Crown of Arragon*. Str. in Amoy: *Glenfalloch*.

The British steamer *Kweiyang* reports: Left Port on 30th July, and met with light to moderate East and S.E. winds and fine weather, till Friday, the 5th August, when the weather assumed the appearance of an approaching Typhoon, ran for shelter and anchored under Matsu Island, when the Typhoon started from N.E. and veered to S.W.; on the 8th, the centre passed about 10 miles distant and the weather gradually improved; left Matsu on the 10th and met with light to moderate S.W. to N.E. wind and fine clear weather to port; vessels sheltering under Matsu, strs. *Sultan* and *Haimun*.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Active*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For SWATOW & DELI.—
Per *Taiheng*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Australian*, Registration, at 1 p.m., Letters, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Lyeemoon*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.
Per *Kwangtse*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For HOIHOW & PAKHOI.—
Per *Ask*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Diomed*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hanoi*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Haimun*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Socotra*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th August.
Per *Rosetta*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th August.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *Coptic* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 13th August, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
10.45 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet *with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage* until the time of departure.
(Supplementary Mail on board till time of departure).

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *Melbourne* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 13th August, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *viâ Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The mail will close a quarter of an hour earlier than usual.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Aug. 12, 1898.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash,	...	740
" Old " cash,	...	775
" New Benares, cash,		715
" Old " cash,	...	Nom.
" New Malwa, credit,	...	750/800
" Allowance Cuts,	...	0/38
" Old Malwa credit,	...	810/850
" Allowance, Taels,	...	0
" Old Malwa credit,	...	—
" Allowance, Taels,	...	—
" Persian, Paper tied		720/740
" Allowance, Taels	...	0/8

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)

HONGKONG, Aug. 12, 1898.

BAROMETER— 9 A.M.	...	29.65
Do. 1 P.M.	...	29.62
Do. 4 P.M.	...	29.56
THERMOMETER—9 A.M.	...	83
Do. 1 P.M.	...	87
Do. 4 P.M.	...	86
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.		77
Do. Do. 1 P.M.		80
Do. Do. 4 P.M.		80
Do. Maximum	...	87
Do. Minimum overnight		81

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.'s Steamer *Coptic* leaves for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco.

Noon.—French Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

4 p.m.—*Lyeemoon* leaves for Shanghai.

5 p.m.—*Diomed* leaves for London.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's.

Miscellaneous.

3.00 p.m.—Spoon Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

Goods per *Malaya* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, August 15:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Hung Hom, (West of Market).

Goods per *Kutsang* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.

TUESDAY, August 16:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Kennedy Road, (North of Union Church).

Goods per *Maria Valerie* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, August 17:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Properties, at Nos. 236 and 238, Queen's Road Central; No. 218 Praya West; Nos. 373 and 375 Queen's Road West, and Nos. 4 and 5, Sai Hing Lane; Nos. 1 and 2, Sai Wo Lane; No. 225 Praya West; by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

Transfer Books of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 26th Inst., both days inclusive.

Goods per *Sarnia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, August 12, 1898.

On London—		
Bank, Wire,	...	1/11⅛
" On demand,	...	1/11⅛
" 30 days' sight,	...	1/11⅛
" 4 months' sight,	...	1/11⅝
Credits, 4 "	...	1/11⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	...	1/11⅛
On Paris—		
On demand,	...	2.43
Credits, 4 months' sight,	...	2.47
On Berlin—Demand,	...	1.96½
On New York—		
On demand,	...	46⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight,	...	47⅞
On Bombay—		
Wire,	...	145½
On demand,	...	146
On Calcutta—		
Wire,	...	145½
On demand,	...	146
On Singapore—		
On demand,	...	½% pm.
On Manila—		
On demand,	...	nom.
On Shanghai—		
On demand,	...	73½
30 days' sight, (private paper)	...	74½
On Yokohama—		
On demand,	...	5% pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	...	$54.00
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BIRTH.

At Kallang Road, Singapore, on the 4th inst., the Wife of H. PATERSON, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 10th Aug., at the Union Church, C. S. MCKINLEY, to ELISE, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. Mack, late of the Basel Mission.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 6.00 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1898.

RECENT telegrams would appear to imply that the Houses of Parliament in the Old Country have at last succeeded in awakening the Government to a sense of its responsibilities to the country and its interests in the Far East. The statements lately made by Lord Salisbury and by Mr Curzon point to a more definite realisation of the necessity of making a stand for Great Britain. So many claims seemed to be coming forward from all quarters, and objections based upon the 'sphere of influence' theory, that it was high time Great Britain began to draw a well-marked line which would in some measure conserve one or two of the 'spheres' which are pre-eminently British. It may be that the appointment of Lord Charles Beresford,—for it can be no other than the champion of our Naval needs and our Imperial control—by the Associated Chambers of Commerce, is one of those semi-official arrangements which means even more than an official move. The prospects of British trade involve the possible necessity of having to adopt an entirely altered line of policy in China. Although Lord Salisbury has all along hugged to his bosom the policy of the 'open door,' as opposed to the dismemberment and parcelling out of China, it is right that the true relations of our commercial interests, as they are being affected or are likely to be affected by the 'grab-all' and obstructionist policy, now so freely adopted by the other Powers, should be thoroughly known. This knowledge could not perhaps be better acquired than by a visit to the scene of operations of a man of the stamp of Lord Charles. The Navy League had better be up and doing, so that the distinguished visitor shall receive in Hongkong the warm welcome he so fully deserves.

REUTER'S messages during the last two or three days have not been making for peace quite so definitely as were expected. The telegram of the 10th instant puts it that 'Spain's reply is not wholly satisfactory, and will necessitate a further exchange of notes,—which we take it means that there can be no recognised cessation of hostilities for the present. What effect this may or may not have upon the Philippine problem it is difficult to say. Manila may, and we think should, be in the hands of the American Governor General by this time; but the hope that has been so often deferred, may be once again disappointed. It is not easy to divine the reason why the United States forces have delayed so long in bringing the Manila struggle to the practical issue for which every non-Spanish well-wisher of the Islands looked. Certain is it, that nothing in the shape of outside interference could have caused the delay. What, then, is the reason? It is needless to speculate—firstly, because the deed may have already been done; and, secondly, we shall very soon know all about it from the proper quarter in due course.

THE 'Curzon' referred to in Reuter as the new Viceroy of India cannot be anyone else than the able Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office. What surprises one most is the comparative youthfulness of the Hon. George N. Curzon, when we consider his selection for a post so magnificent as that of India's Viceroy.

THE French mail steamer *Melbourne* has been delayed at Shanghai by bad weather, and is not expected to arrive here before 6 o'clock this evening.

THE Band of the King's Own will play the following Programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening at 8 p.m.:—

1.—Overture	'Silvana'	Weber.
2.—Selection	'Paglacci'	Leoncello.
3.—Intermezzo	'Lolo du Bal'	Gillet.
4.—Pas Gyat Suite	No. 1 'Anitra's Dance'	Greig.
	No. 2 'Dance of Imps'	
5.—Fantasia	'Sur lande Fridi'	Arr. C. Godfrey.
6.—Valse	'Die Schwebenden Geister'	Becker.
	'God Save The Queen.'	

A *Times'* Shanghai telegram, dated July 29, says that the French Minister at Peking has protested to the Tsungli Yamen against the negotiations for constructing a railway from Kowloon to Canton by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., alleging that Kwangtung through which the proposed line will run, is in the French sphere.

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OUTWARD BOUND:—*Ichang*, June 13; *Coningsby*, *Drumgarth*, 21; *Kintuck*, *Andalusia*, 28; *Glengyle*, *Sarpedon*, 8; *Bellona*, *St. Jerome*, 12; *Manila*, *Niobe*, *Hyson*, *Glaucus*, *Kherson*, *Octavia*, *Silesia*, 22; *Darmstadt*, *Sydney*, *Ghazee*, *Ashton*, *Marsa*, *Nijni Novgorod*, 26; *Menelaus*, *Crefeld*, *Monrino*, *Trieste*, 29; *Benlawers*, *Glenshiel*, *Orester*, *Preussen*, *Adria*, *Alesia*, August 2; *Formosa*, *Monmouthshire*, *Antenor*, *Kwangsi*, *Leos*, 5; *Marquis Bacquehem*, *Girin*, *Indradeva*, 9.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Pyrrhus*, *Sachsen*, *Yarra*, July 19; *Myrmidon*, *Queen Margaret*, 26; *Kriemhild*, 29; *Ceylon*, 5; *Afridi*, 3.

PASSED ANJER.

OUTWARD:—June 2—British ship *Cambrian Hills*, Capt. Evans, for Shanghai, from New York Feb. 17; June 2—Dutch steamer *Lombok*, Capt. Evans, for Batavia, from Amsterdam April 23; June 5—German brig *Preis*, Capt. Nodop, for Singapore, from Port Elizabeth May 1.

HOMEWARD:—June 1—Dutch steamer *Prinses Amalia*, Capt. Turfboir, from Batavia June 1 for Amsterdam.

Mails.

The M. M. Co.'s s. s. *Indus*, with the FRENCH MAIL, left Saigon on Thursday, the 11th Aug., at 5 a.m., for this port.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 26th July.

The O. & O. s. s. *Aztec*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe and Nagasaki, on the 4th Aug.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of India* left Vancouver for Hongkong, (via usual ports of call), on Tuesday morning, the 2nd Aug.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s str. *Peshawur* left Singapore for this port on the 6th Aug., at 4 p.m.

The O. S. S. Co.'s Str. *Bellerophon* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 9th August, and may be expected here on or about Monday, 15th August.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Sado Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 9th Aug., and is expected to arrive here on the morning of 15th Aug.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Giulia* left Singapore for this port on the night of 10th Aug.

The O. S. S. Co.'s str. *Glaucus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of 11th Aug., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 16th Aug.

The s. s. *St. Jerome*, from Middlesbro', Rotterdam and Antwerp, passed the Canal on the 12th July, and is expected to arrive at Singapore on or about the 3rd August.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Verona* left Bombay for this port on the morning of the 7th Aug.

The E. & A. str *Airlie*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 4th Aug., for this port.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Mogul* sailed from Portland, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 7th Aug.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Columbia*, from Tacoma, sailed from Yokohama, for Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong, on Monday, the 8th August.

Latest Advices.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Kamakura Maru* left Kobe for this port on the 10th Aug., and is expected to arrive here on the 15th Aug.

The Imp. German Mail s. s. *Prinz Heinrich* left Shanghai via Foochow on Thursday afternoon, the 11th Aug., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 16th Aug.

The B. L. str. *Bentarig*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port on the 11th Aug.

The East Asiatic Co.'s s. s. *Cathay*, from Copenhagen, Gothenburg and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 4th Aug., and may be considered due at Singapore about the 30th Aug.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Socotra*, Captain T. H. Hide, R.N.R., will leave for Japan Ports at daylight, on Sunday, the 14th instant.

WE learn that the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Sultan* has broken down some sixty or seventy miles from Hongkong, and that the same Company's Steamer *Onsang* has gone out to her assistance. The *Sultan* has since arrived.

AT the Supreme Court, in Summary Jurisdiction, to-day, Mr C. Holdsworth, the Mint Works, sued Mr A. G. Gordon for the return of a case of champagne, value $10, which had been taken from the launch *Macaotse* while the launch was in the hands of Mr Gordon. Mr Holdsworth said the champagne was taken away whilst he was detained in the Debtors' Prison. The champagne was not his property, but had been given to him to keep for a friend. Mr Justice Wise held that Mr Holdsworth could not sue as the champagne was not his property.

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NOTICE.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents have THIS DAY Declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5 PER CENT, for the Half-Year ending 30th June, 1898, on the Paid up Capital of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE on FRIDAY, the 26th August, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, August 11, 1898. 1622

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 18th August, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1898, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 18th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,
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S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKO'M	Manila	R. L. Hiddock, R.N.R.	About 19th August.
SHANGHAI	Sutlej	A. Symons	About 19th August.
LONDON, &c.	Parramatta †	C. F. Preston, R.N.R.	Noon, 24th August.
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N. A. SIEBS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, July 29, 1898. 1382

NOTICE.

DR. J. SANGER, DENTAL SURGEON, late of SHANGHAI and MANILA, begs to inform the Public that he has now established his DENTAL ROOMS at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Rooms 186 and 187.

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Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1318

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By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. 1609

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of August Next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1898.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 23, 1898. 1421

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th July current, to the 13th day of August Next, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

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Hongkong, July 23, 1898. 1422

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALMENT of $30 per SHARE on the SHARES in above Company become a DUE on the EIGHTEENTH day of August Next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made to the Bankers of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that Date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 15, 1898 1375

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd August at 12 o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the statement of accounts to the 30th June, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 22nd August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1898. 1445

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND and FINAL CALL of ONE DOLLAR and FIFTY CENTS ($1.50) per SHARE has been made in respect of the SHARES in the above-named Company not Fully Paid up and that such Call is PAYABLE on the FIRST DAY of SEPTEMBER Next, to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong.

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